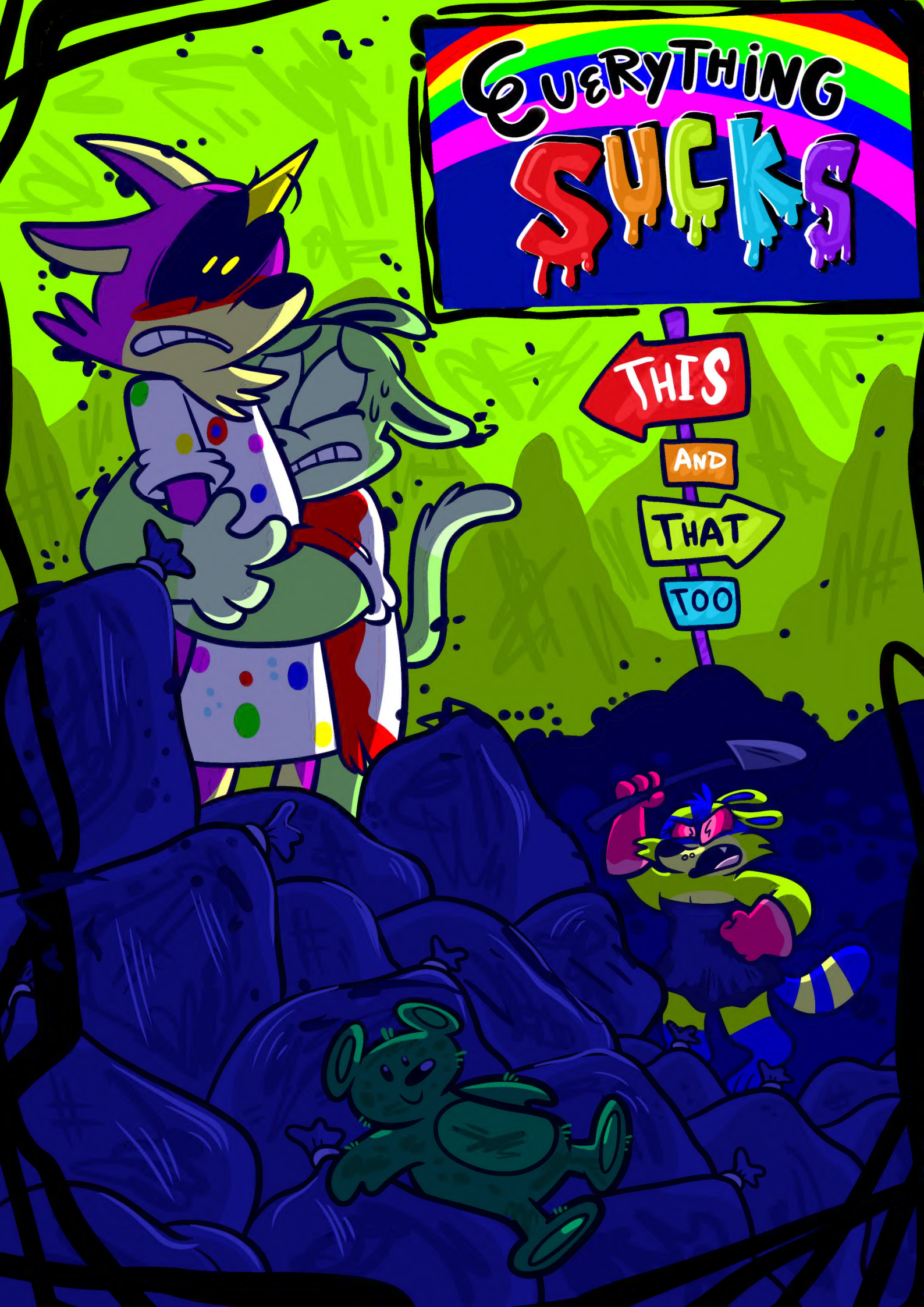
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Could it Get Any Worse than This?

It's cleanup day, and Doom goes through the patients' things and throws away stuff belonging to them, particularly Jay and Uni. They set off to retrieve these items, and end up being sent to the dump via a trash truck that visits the hospital. When they get there they find themselves wrapped up in big trouble with some unfamiliar faces... but just how unfamiliar are they?

SPARKLECARE

EVERYTHING SUCKS

THIS AND THAT TOO

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WARNING:

Dedicated to all huggalos, current and former, and everyone who believed in us.

Love, The ZOP

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the following comic contains

ADULT LANGUAGE

mentions of violence & GORE

MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

MENTIONS OF TORTURE & ABUSE

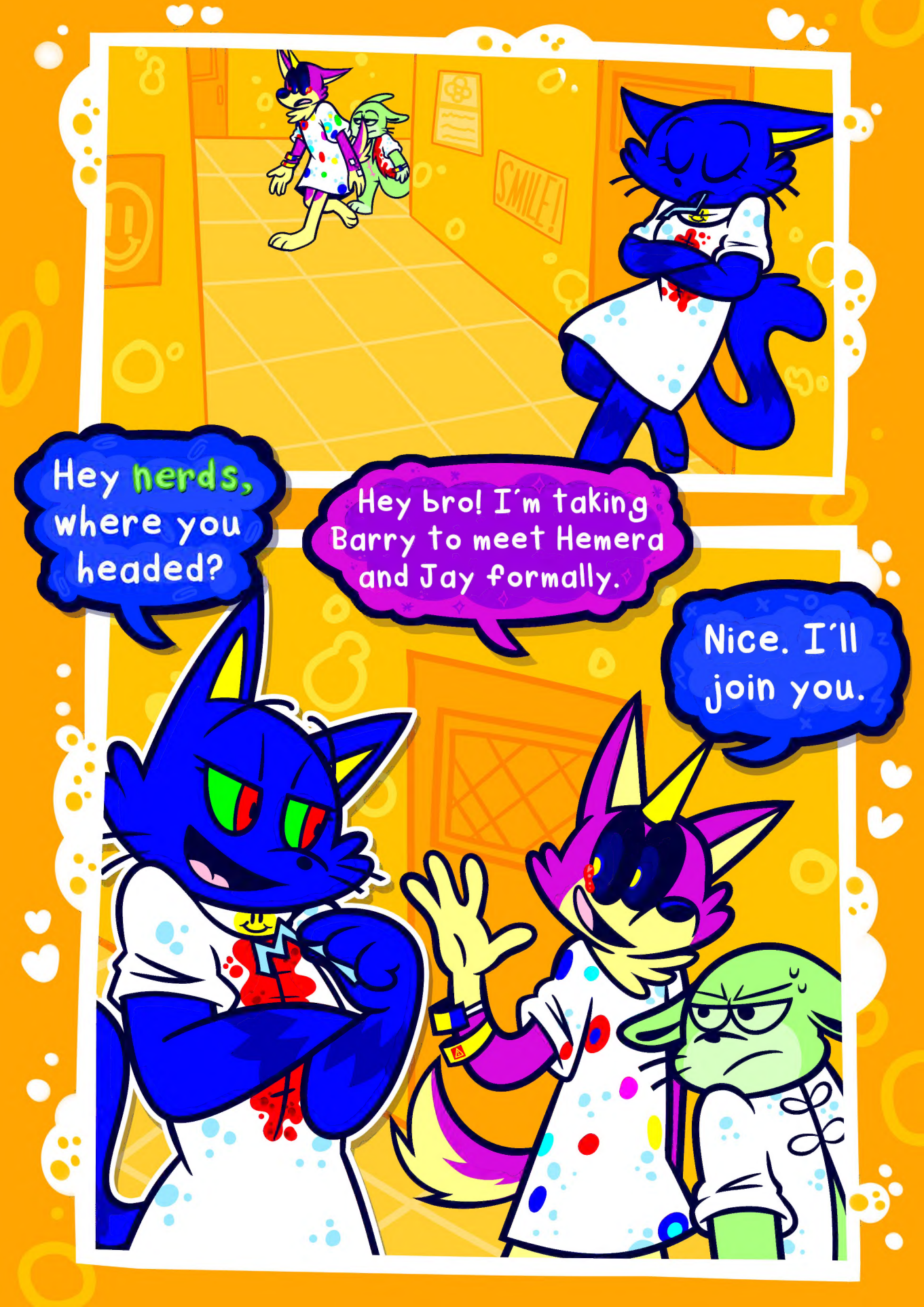
!!! TRAUMA !!!

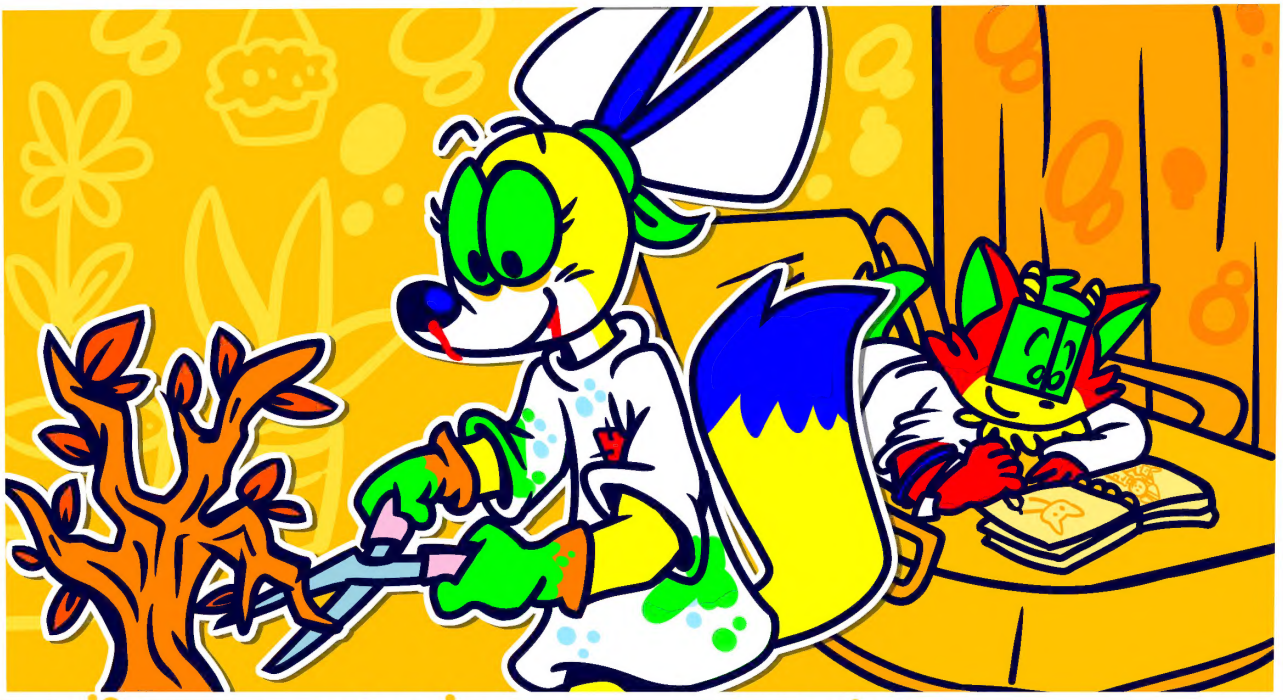
Sexual humor

Hey bro!
Hi there, Cornelius.

So uh, Mr. Fax, my good bro- I was thinking-
maybe I could take you to be properly introduced to Hemera and Jay?
You met them, but you didn't really interact much bro.
I was thinking you could get to know them and stuff bro,
the whole meet-N-greet sorta deal, a broduction, meeting some new bros my dude.
Whaddya think bro?
I don't know who those people are.
Yellow fox and little red cat with horns?
What business have I that pertains to them?

Don't you wanna make some friends bro?
I don't need friends. I have *science* to think about.
Come on bro, Hemera likes science, you'll like her. Please? For me? It'll be good for you bro.
WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE FRIENDS BUT HAVE SCIENCE TO THINK ABOUT
A PSYCHO THE OPP
Don't make me regret this.
Oh bro, you won't, I *promise!*
PHONE: 627-53X
Doctor
Nurse Doom
Preferred Names
Uni and Barry


SMILE!
Hey nerds, where you headed?
Hey bro! I'm taking Barry to meet Hemera and Jay formally.
Nice. I'll join you.



53X
OR NURSE
NIA KILLS
rred Names
a and Jay

Oh hey, it's New Guy.

By God, he isn't dead! I was wondering where he'd been all this time!

Hi bros! I've come to properly introduce you to Barry!

A-AH! S-sorry, I-
Sorry bros, Barry's got GERM issues!
He doesn't like touching people's hands. Nothing personal.
O-oh, it's fine.

Are these yours? What species is this?
Oh, these are hybrids! I graft plants and create zombified ones made of many different pieces.
It's quite fun and has interesting results.
Is this Grape Jellyleaf?
Mixed with Jamfern. It produces natural grape jellyjam for those who like a mix of both.
Fascinating.
JJ

How long does the process usually take?
The tissues take about a week to fully connect after being grafted. Then they grow on their own.
But these plants are so complex... are they all grafted?
Yep. They also get kind of weird because of chemicals in the air, I think.
Chemical contamination can cause mutations in plants, this is true. Chemicals and radiation are used in mutagenesis.

He is so intelligent...
Is this what romantic love feels like?
Hey, do you want to play cards?
Oh, of course, I'd LOVE to!
CARDZ
Hey Cornelius, want to play with us?
Um... sure bro...

You know, this game is more than just about luck. It's about skill.
Really?
Calculation. Basic rule of any logic games.
As long as you know what you're doing you can beat anybody.
But sometimes...

It just comes down to INTELLIGENCE!

FWOOSH

Aha, the amazing Barry III has succeeded once more, as always!

My superior intellect has shone through these curtains, and now these simpletons can gaze upon my everlasting glory!

ok what the fuck
dude

What, you doubt my **BRILLIANCE?** My intellectual acuity surpasses that of all you **fools!** It's not just about knowledge you see, I'm ***NATURALLY*** smart. It's second nature for me!

I bear the greatness of a monarch and I tower over you all. The difficulty will significantly lessen the sooner you accept this solid truth.

Hmph! I see I'm not appreciated here! You're lucky I even graced you with my presence!

SNAP!

Come on Cornelius, let's head back to our room.

Sorry bro... I guess that was kind of a dumb idea...

It's fine. You can't help being **unintellectual.**

Did you know he was like that?

I had no idea. He didn't really talk much when he first got here.

Uni kind of had to confuse him before he started telling us anything.

I liked him at first. I retract my statement heavily. That guy is *annoying.*

I don't know what I expected, but it wasn't *that.*

D'I EKIL OT WORHT *MIH* YAWA. I GNIKCUF ETAH TAHT DRATSAB GNIKCUF GIP.

ELIP FO NIKS. GNIKAM EM OD SIHT TIHS! D'I EKIL OT *LLIK* MIH.

CLEANUP DAY.

N-NO! GIVE IT BACK!
I'M AFRAID I HAVE TO TAKE THIS. IT'S IN POSSESSIONS POLICY.
PATIENTS AREN'T ALLOWED TO HAVE COMFORTING OBJECTS.
YOU CAN'T! It's important to me!!!
NO! PLEASE!!!
Just let him take it, Jay. You'll get in trouble.

I DON'T MAKE THE RULES. I'M SORRY.
Things are better off this way. You're safer.

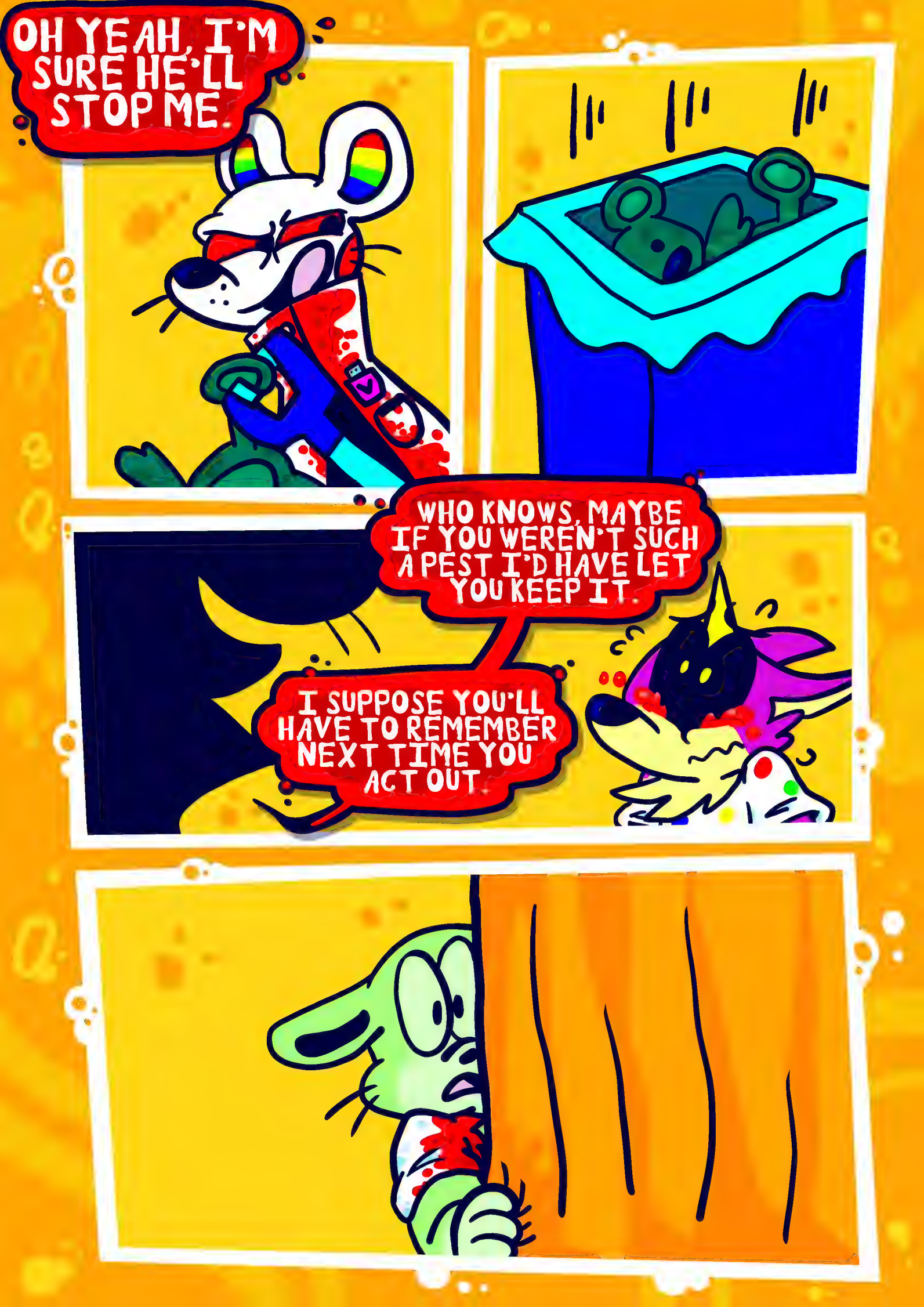
PURPLE ONE, YOU LIVE IN SUCH FILTH.
It complements my character, bro.
YEAH, I'LL SAY.
TAP TAP

WHAT THE...
OH MY GOD!

YOU HAVE A TEDDY BEAR?

N-NO!! I DON'T! THAT'S- THAT'S NOT MINE BRO!
I'M JUST- WATCHING OVER IT FOR SOMEBODY- YEAH!
IT'S NOT MINE BRO!
ARE YOU SURE? CUZ...
IT HAS YOUR NAME WRITTEN ON IT!
uvi

...o-okay, fine, it's mine bro!!
S-so what?! There's nothing wrong with having a teddy!
IT'S STUPID AND GIRLY.
YOU'RE NOT A "GIRL" ARE YOU?
...j-just give it back bro! Or- or else!
OH YEAH? OR ELSE WHAT?
U-um... I'll... uh... tell Cuddles!


OH YEAH, I'M SURE HE'LL STOP ME.
WHO KNOWS, MAYBE IF YOU WEREN'T SUCH A PEST I'D HAVE LET YOU KEEP IT.
I SUPPOSE YOU'LL HAVE TO REMEMBER NEXT TIME YOU ACT OUT.

L-LISTEN, I HAVE TO DO THIS, OKAY?
THE DOC WILL BE REALLY UPSET IF I DON'T.
I'LL- I'LL MAKE IT UP TO YOU.
Yeah, whatever bro.

Uni! Doom took my blanket!
Yeah, he just took my- um- something of mine!
We need to get them back!
But how?

Me? You want MY help?

oh here we go

But of course! My eyes are amazing and will do great at helping you retrieve your things!

Yeah yeah, don't get cocky. Let's hurry!

Hey losers, where you headed in such a hurry?
DOOM TOOK OUR STUFF AND WE'RE GETTING IT BACK!
Huh. I may as well join this.

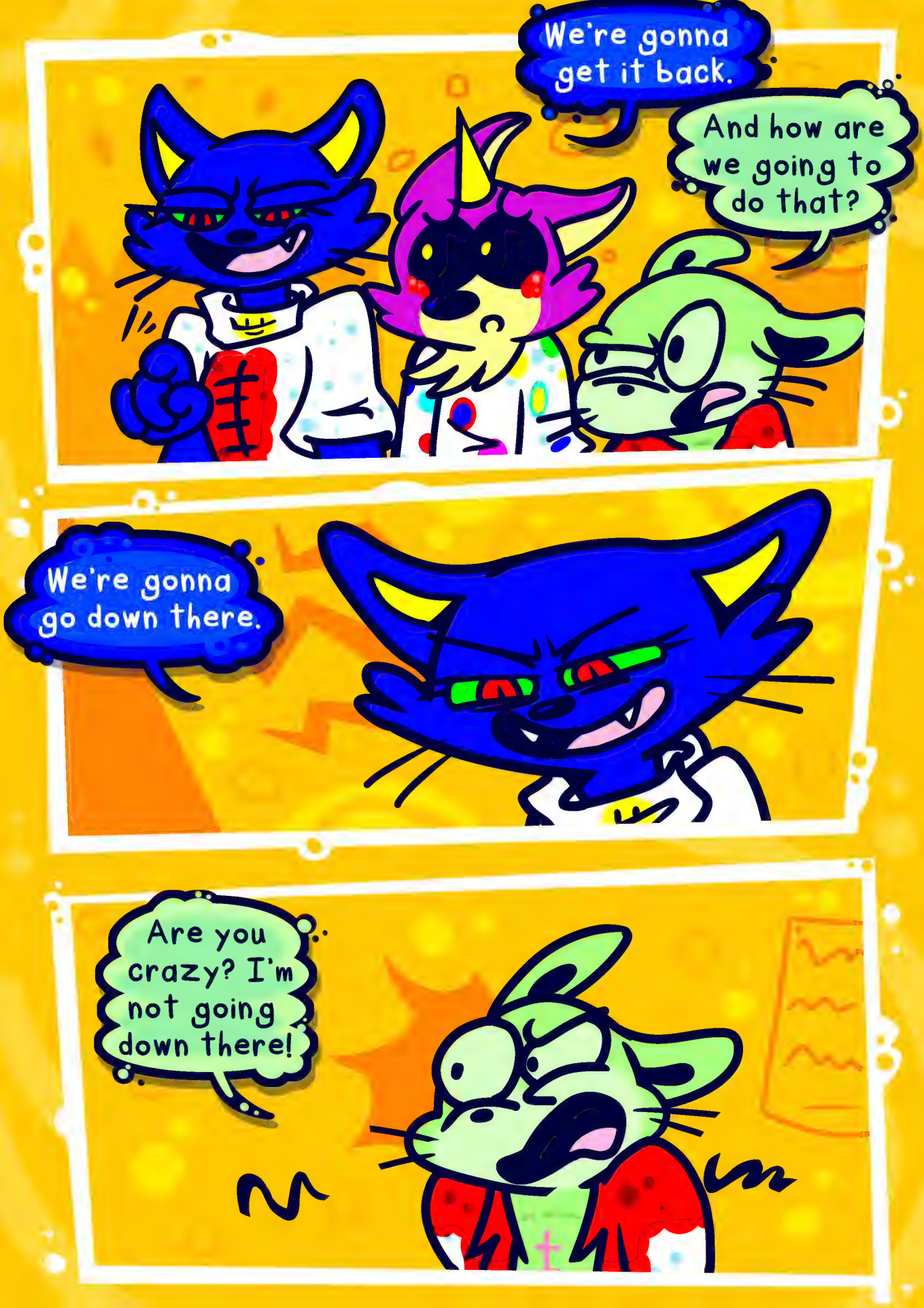
HERE, YOU TAKE IT. THAT'S YOUR JOB RIGHT?

Aren't we janitors?

SHRUG

FUCK!!!
DANGIT!
Why do you people swear so much?!

Excuse me, sir- where does *that* door lead?
...oh, this? This chute leads down to trash bins located in the garage, about 4 floors down.
How can we get to the garage from here?
I can't help you with that one. Patients aren't allowed down there, I'm afraid. I'm technically not even supposed to be talking to you.
Ugh. *Now* what do we do?


We're gonna get it back.
And how are we going to do that?
We're gonna go down there.
Are you crazy? I'm not going down there!

Hey Barry, you don't have to go if you don't want to. Don't force yourself, okay? It's-
Oh, okay then.
AAAAAAAAA

AAAAAA

AAAA

PAT
PAT

Hey, it's not that big a deal. We're just in a dumpster. No need to be a baby.

Bro, don't be mean! He's scared of GERMS.

Hey bro, it's okay, we're *safe.*

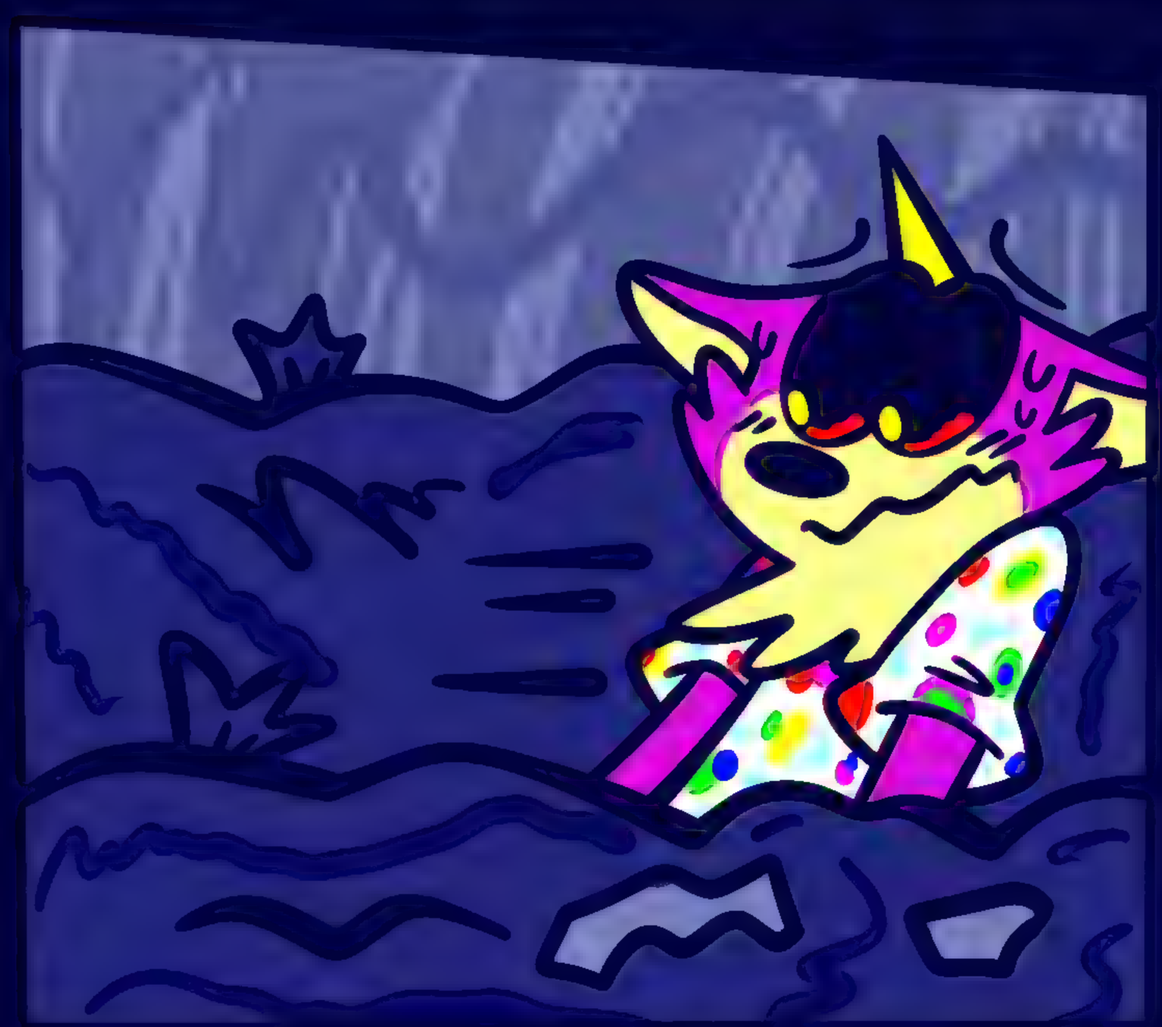
AT LEAST IT CAN'T GET ANY WORSE.

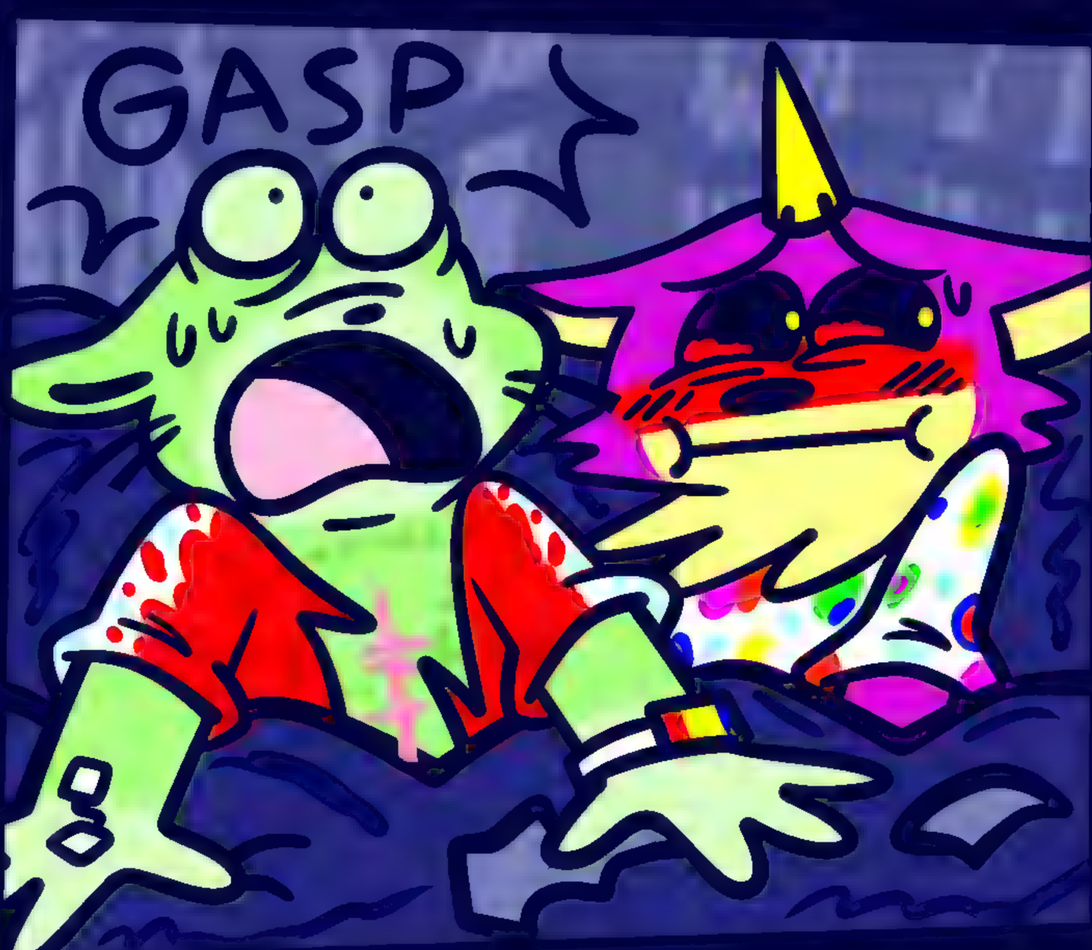
VRRRRRR...
YOU JUST HAD TO SAY THAT DIDN'T YOU?!

GASP

Where's Barry?

SHIFT

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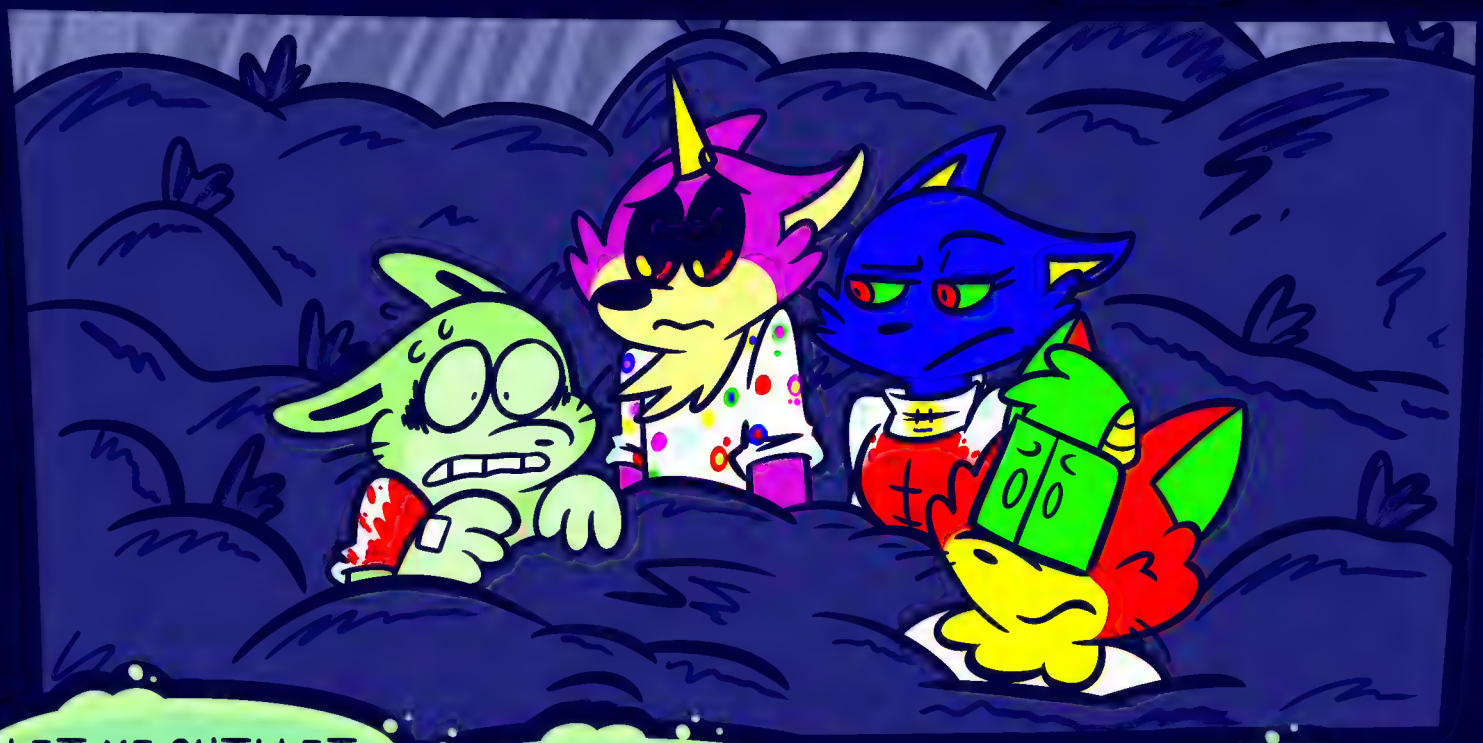


LET ME OUT! LET ME OUT OF HERE!!!
PLEASE!!! SOMEONE HELP! PLEASE HELP!

Uni! C-can't you do something?

What am I supposed to do bro?!

Use your magic or something! Anything!
Use my-?
Bro, did you just say I had magic?

A/N: Uni is distracting him!
N-No! I didn't! I didn't say that!
You said to use my magic. You just admitted to me being a unicorn.
I DIDN'T ADMIT TO THAT! You're- you're putting words in my mouth!
You're the one who said it! Not me bro!

Magic DOESN'T exist. YOU ARE NOT A UNICORN.
You can't take it back bro. You just pwned yourself. That was very cringe. Epic fail bro.
I DID NOT...

CITY COUNTRY TOWN
DUMP

How did we get here so quickly?

Plot convenience.

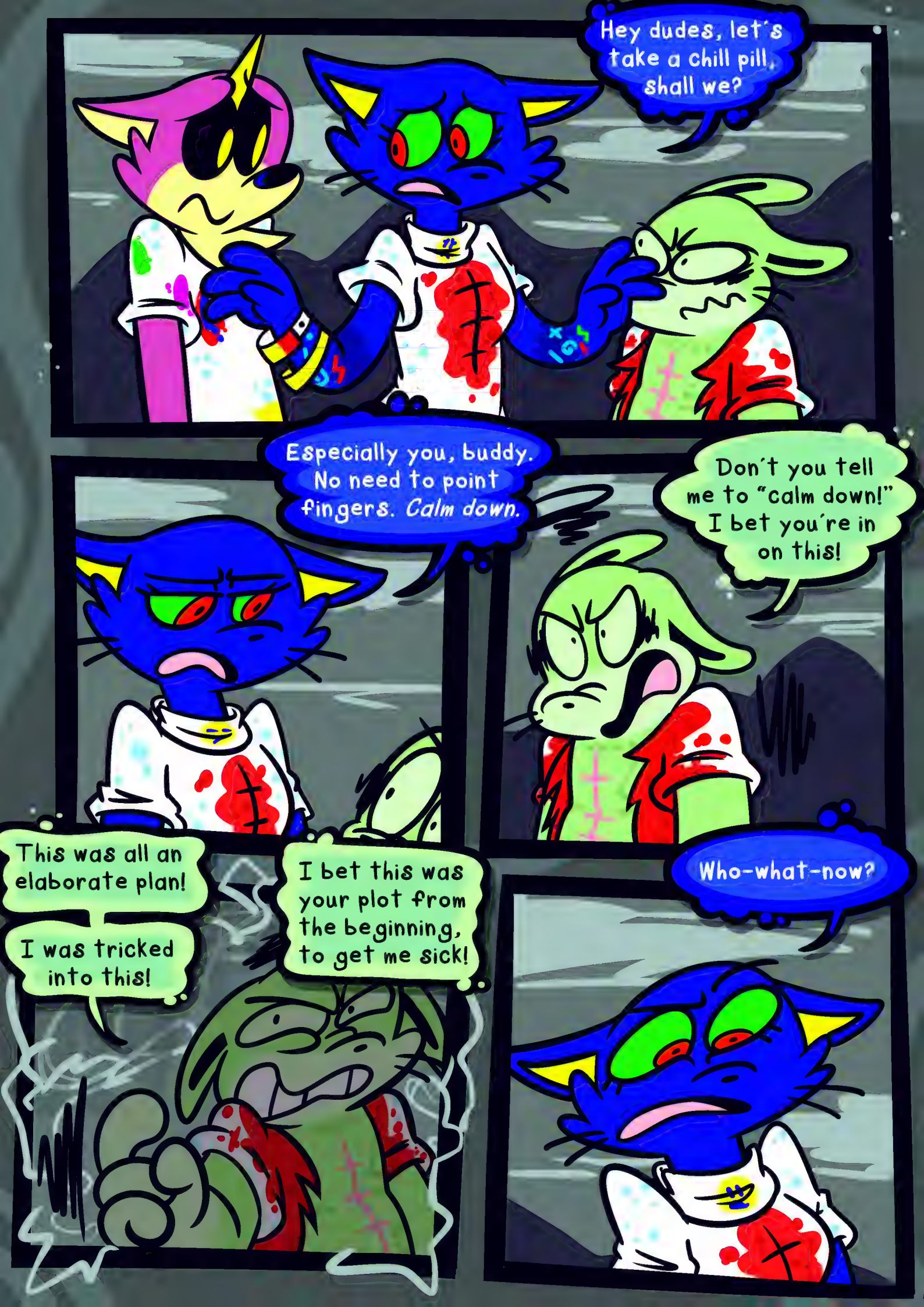
N-NO!! THERE'S SO MANY GERMS!! SO MUCH FILTH!!!

I C-CAN'T HANDLE THIS!!!

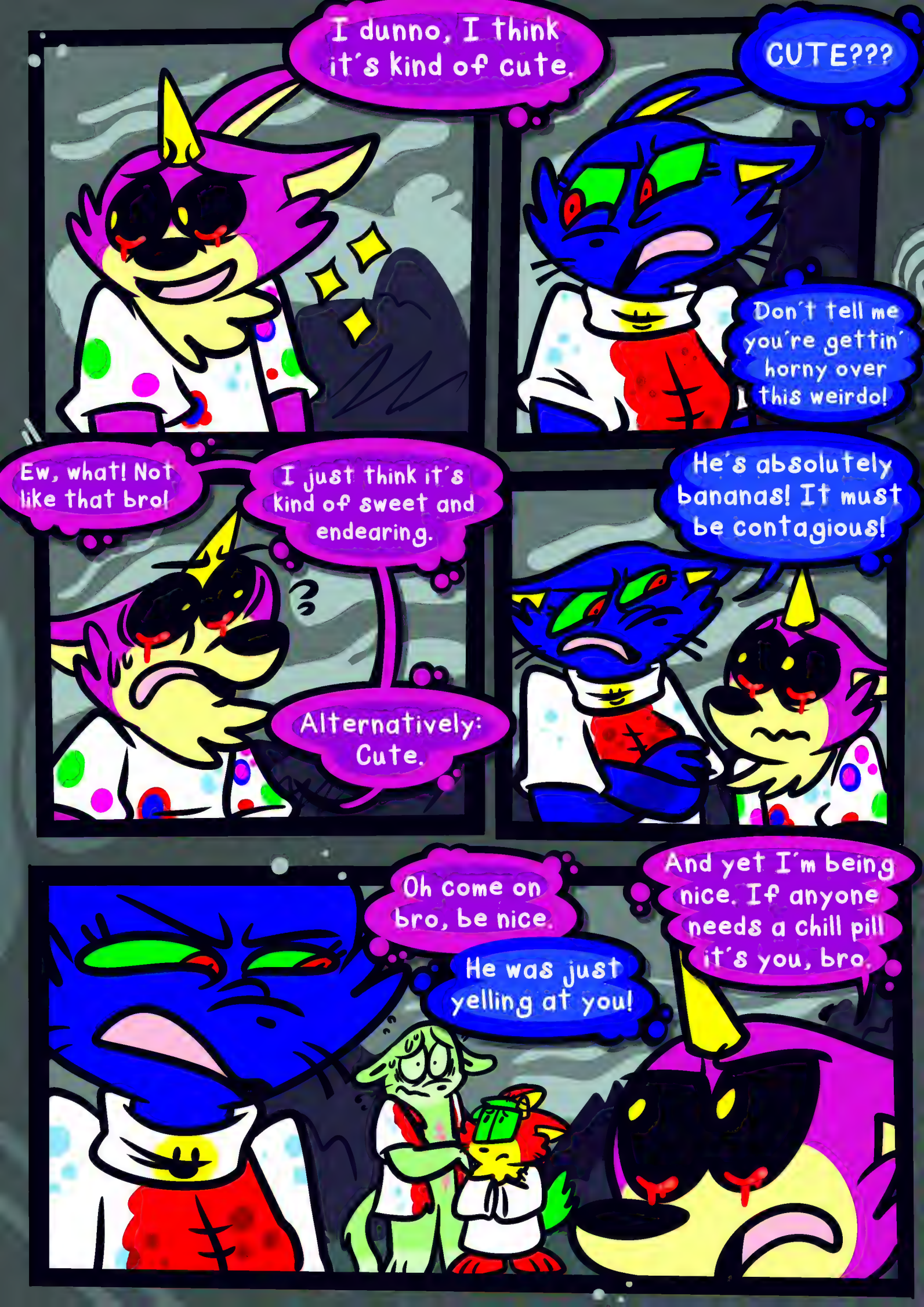
...why do I keep hugging you?
Bro, I'm as lost as you are.
AAAHHHHH!!!
GERMS EVERYWHERE!!!!

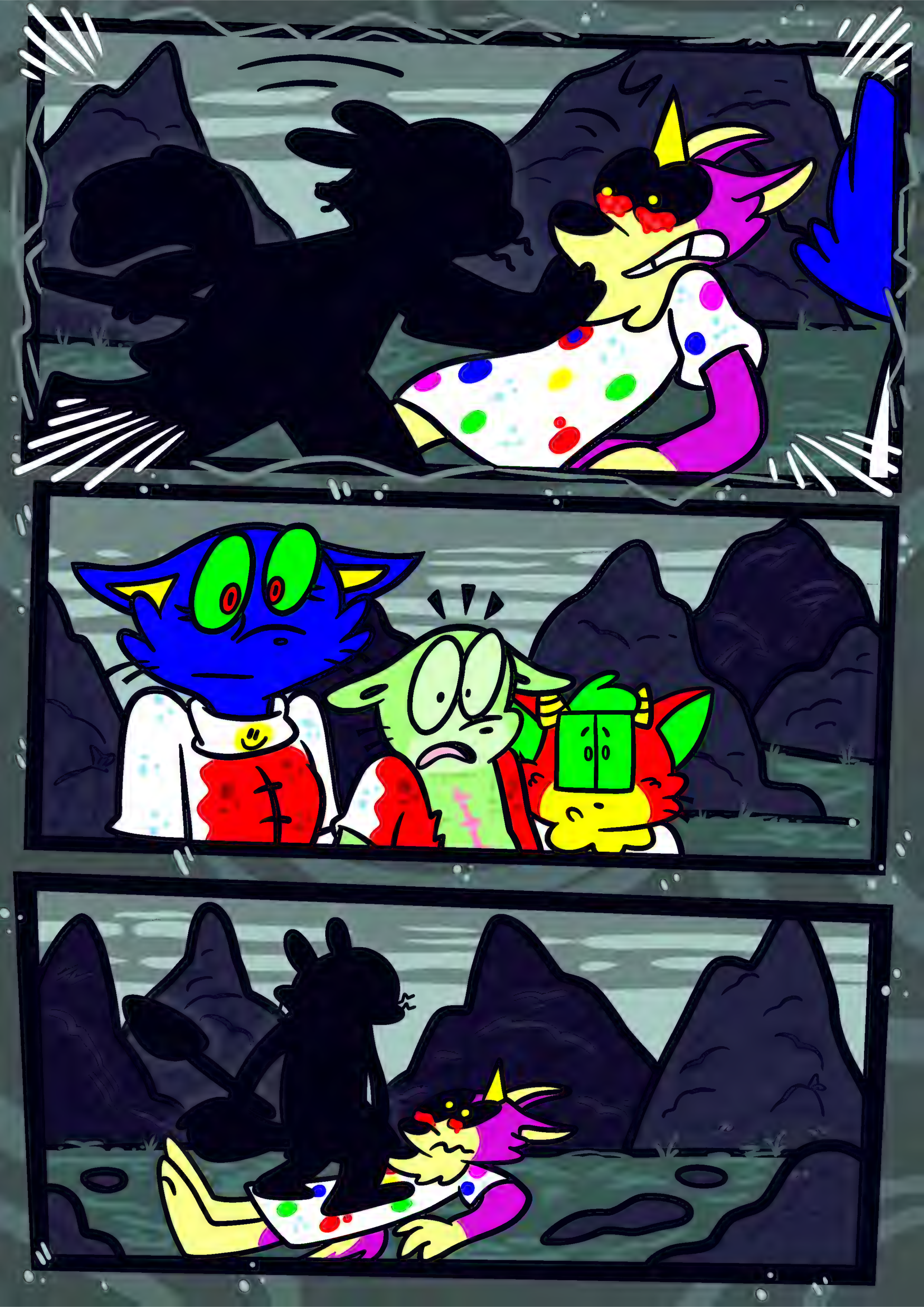
Hey Barry, are you okay?
I c-can't touch anything! I can't touch anything!
I can't get sick! I can't!
Stay calm Barry, just don't touch anything!
You're not touching any trash! You're fine!
You'll be fine!
Stay cool! Stay cool!

YOU! This is all your fault!
Me? What did I do bro?
If you didn't make fun of me like that and just got us out of there we wouldn't be here!
Why did I even bother agreeing to help you!
Bro, I was trying to distract you!


Hey dudes, let's take a chill pill, shall we?
Especially you, buddy. No need to point fingers. *Calm down.*
Don't you tell me to "calm down!" I bet you're in on this!
This was all an elaborate plan!
I was tricked into this!
I bet this was your plot from the beginning, to get me sick!
Who-what-now?

Somehow you *knew* that I get sick easily! You *knew* it was clean up day- you *knew* he'd throw it away, and me, being a merciful God, would come to your rescue! Just so you could get me in that dumpster!
I bet you knew the truck's schedule too! Then you could pull the "magic" card on me when I'm at my most vulnerable! I'm not stupid!
Just to get me sick and probably *kill* me, huh? I see you!
Hold that thought dude, I wanna say something to Uni real quick. Just a minute.
What is it bro?
This guy is positively bonkers.


I dunno, I think it's kind of cute.
CUTE???
Don't tell me you're gettin' horny over this weirdo!
Ew, what! Not like that bro!
I just think it's kind of sweet and endearing.
Alternatively: Cute.
He's absolutely bananas! It must be contagious!
Oh come on bro, be nice.
He was just yelling at you!
And yet I'm being nice. If anyone needs a chill pill it's you, bro.



INTRUDER! NAME YOURSELF!
Name myself? Uh...
Swaggy Boss Bro the first.

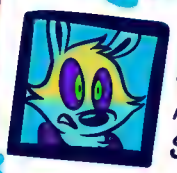
FROM WHERE DO YOU COME, SWAGGY?

Haha- uh- that's a pretty personal question, bro...

....WHAT?

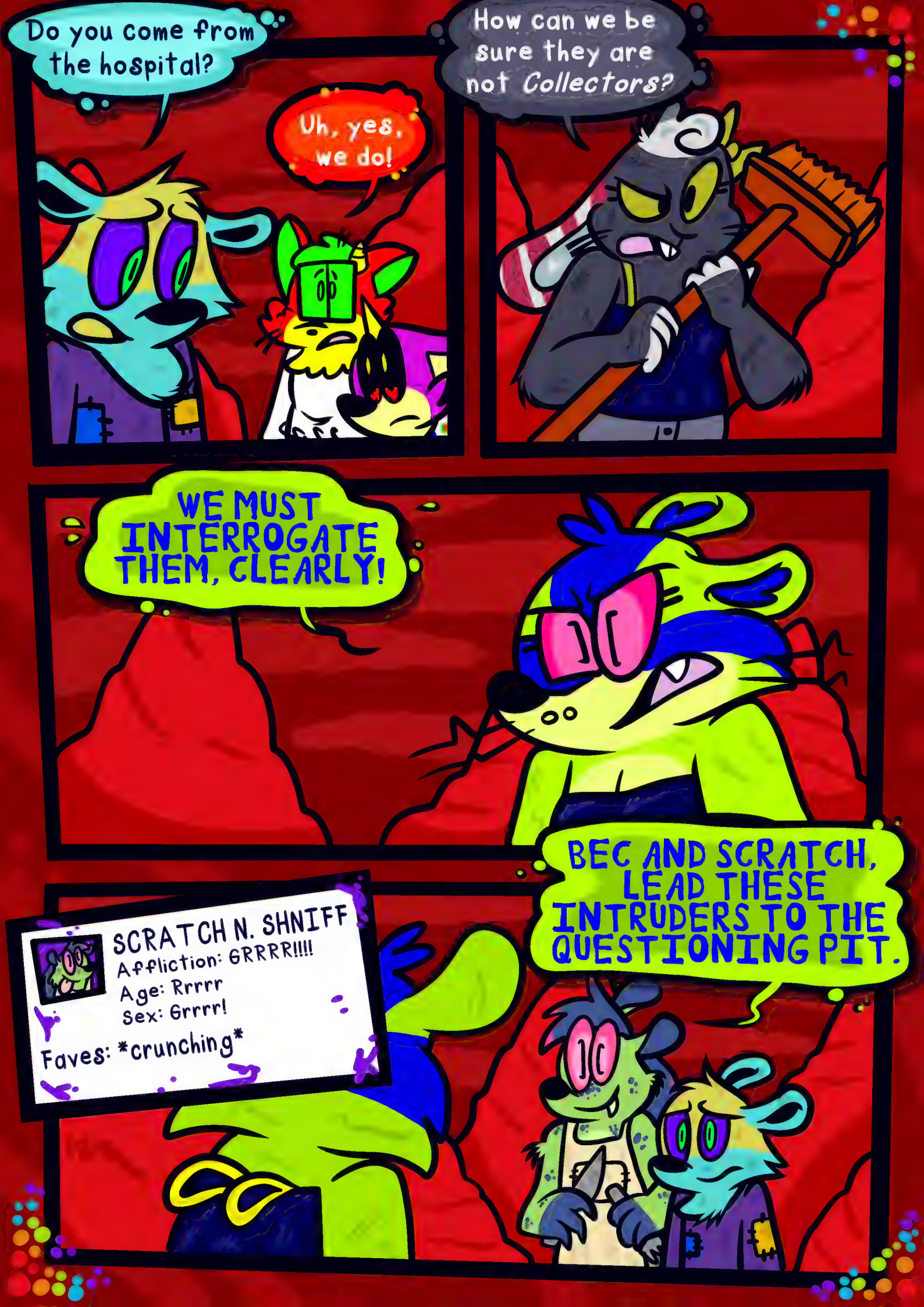
PEPPER
Affliction: [redacted]
Age: [redacted]
Sex: no?
Likes: Bugs, Soft fabrics, shiny things, plastic toys

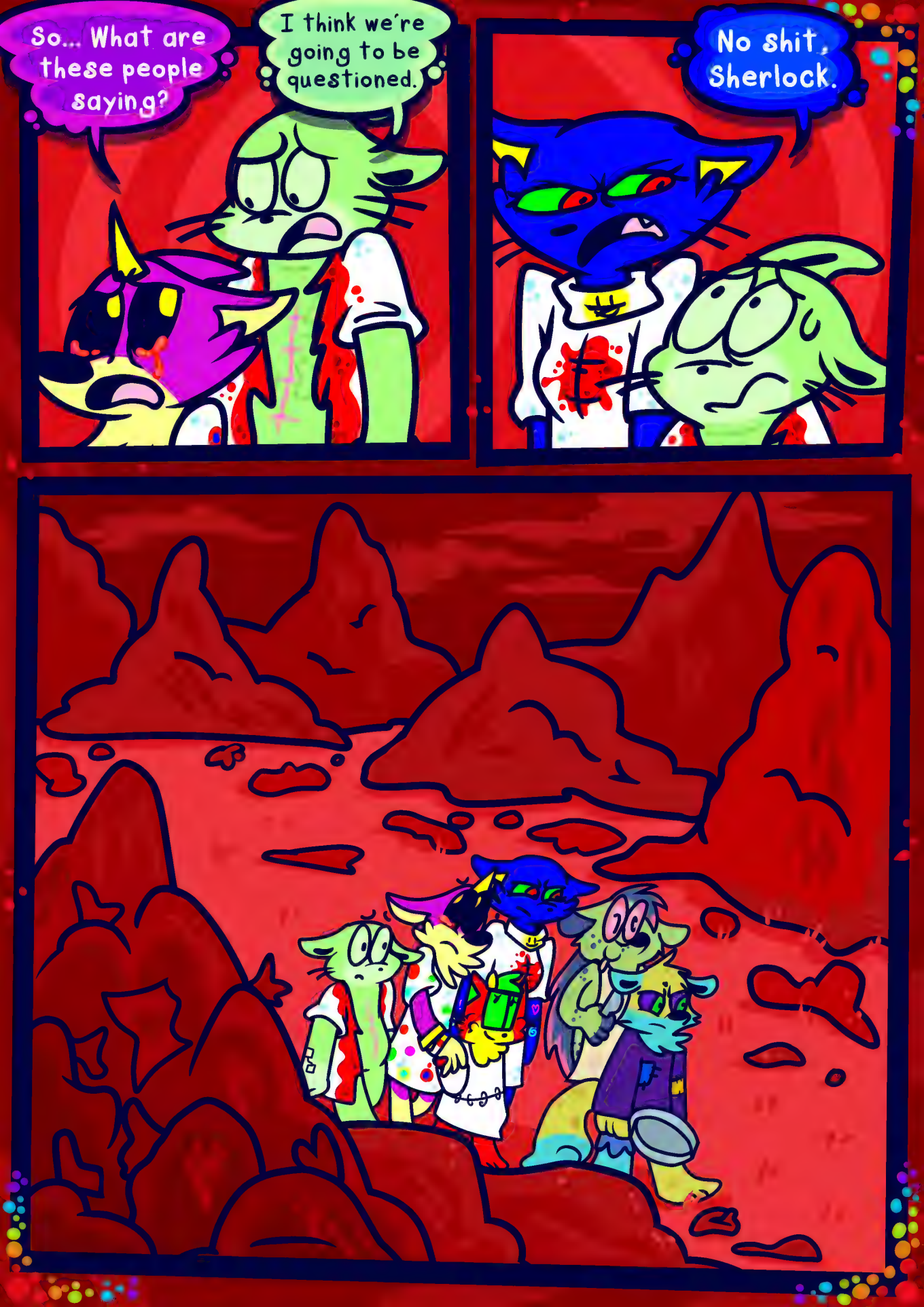
JANDY JANE
Affliction: Candy-coughs
Age: 30
Sex: Perhaps
Faves: Privacy, Jean shorts, Theatre



BEC LIGHT
Affliction: Glows-a-lot
Age: 28
Sex: Achoo
Faves: it sneeze snuffle i- sneezes

MILEY SMILEY
Affliction: Unknown
Age: 30
Sex: Not with you
Faves: Trash, garbage, bossing others around


Do you come from the hospital?
Uh, yes, we do!
How can we be sure they are not *Collectors*?
WE MUST INTERROGATE THEM, CLEARLY!
BEC AND SCRATCH, LEAD THESE INTRUDERS TO THE QUESTIONING PIT.
SCRATCH N. SHNIFF
Affliction: GRRRR!!!!
Age: Rrrrr
Sex: Grrrr!
Faves: *crunching*


So... What are these people saying?
I think we're going to be questioned.
No shit, Sherlock.

You're up first.
Okay buddy, start talking. *Who sent you here?*

Um- actually- we all came here... by accident?

We were accidentally picked up by a trash truck, which drove us all the way out here.

Y-you see, my friends had some stuff taken from them and thrown away, so we went to get it back

W-we aren't looking for trouble, we just want to get their stuff back.

I see... and just what is this "stuff" you seek?

U-uh... One is a blanket, the other is a... uh...

U-um, I can't say what it is.

And why would that be?

I-it's nothing bad, it's just- my friend doesn't want me to say it, I'm just respecting his privacy.

Who's your friend?

Then let us hear it from him.

So, for what are you seeking?

U-uh.. nothing important bro, not really anything at all,

it's nothing bro, it's not important what it is bro.

Then why is it of need to you?

.....I-I dunno bro, look, I can't say it. It doesn't matter bro.

How're we supposed to help you if we don't know what you're looking for?

How do we know you're not here to steal things of ours?

I'm telling you, I swear- it's not bad! I just can't say it!

Ms. Smiley, what do you think of this?

IT IS AWFULLY SUSPICIOUS... IT MAKES ME WONDER IF THEY ARE COLLECTORS.
I'm sorry, but what is a "Collector"?
SOMEONE FROM THE HOSPITAL WHO HAS COME TO TAKE US BACK.
OF COURSE WE ARE. THERE'S NOWHERE ELSE THAT TRUCK GOES TO.
Wait a second... You're escaped patients?
THAT TRUCK IS UNDER THE HOSPITAL BRAND TO PREVENT OUTSIDERS FROM GETTING ACCESS TO THE HOSPITAL GROUNDS, SINCE IT GOES INSIDE THE GATES.
How long have you all been here?

10 YEARS.

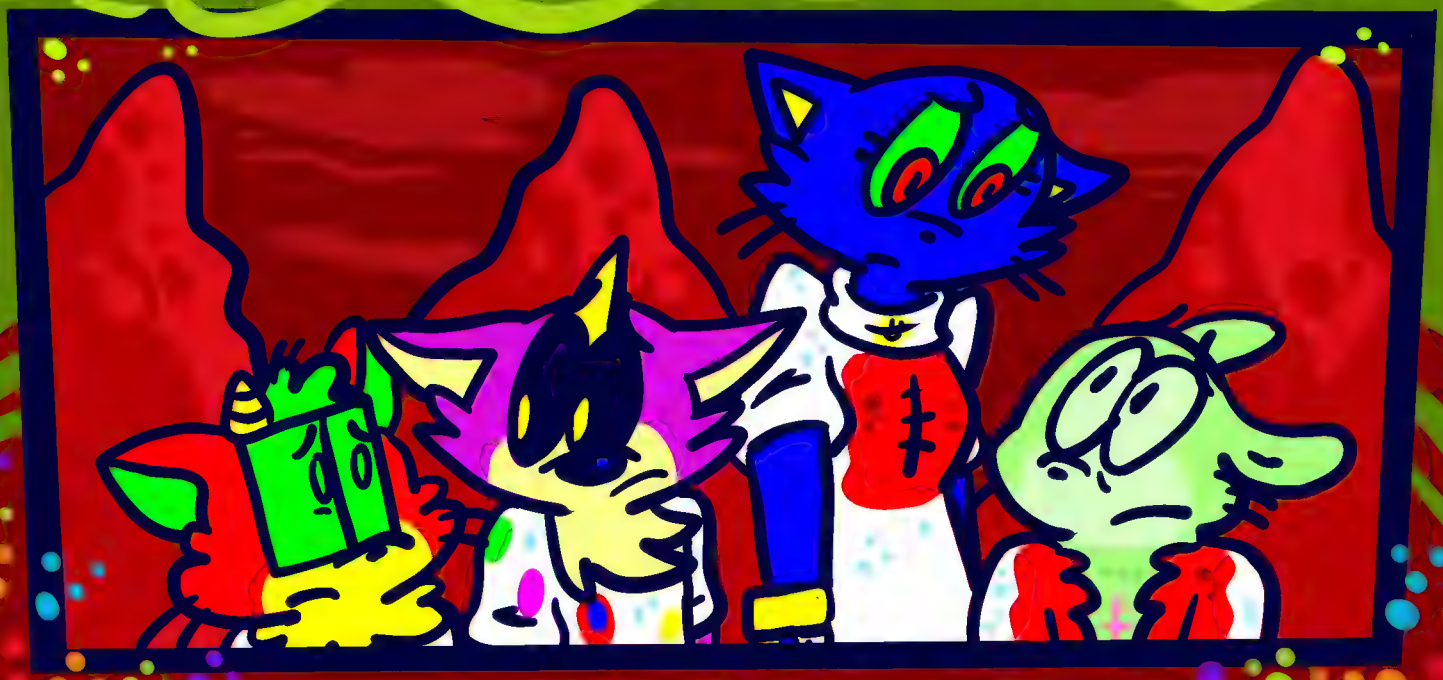
Why do you live here? Why haven't you gone back to the city?

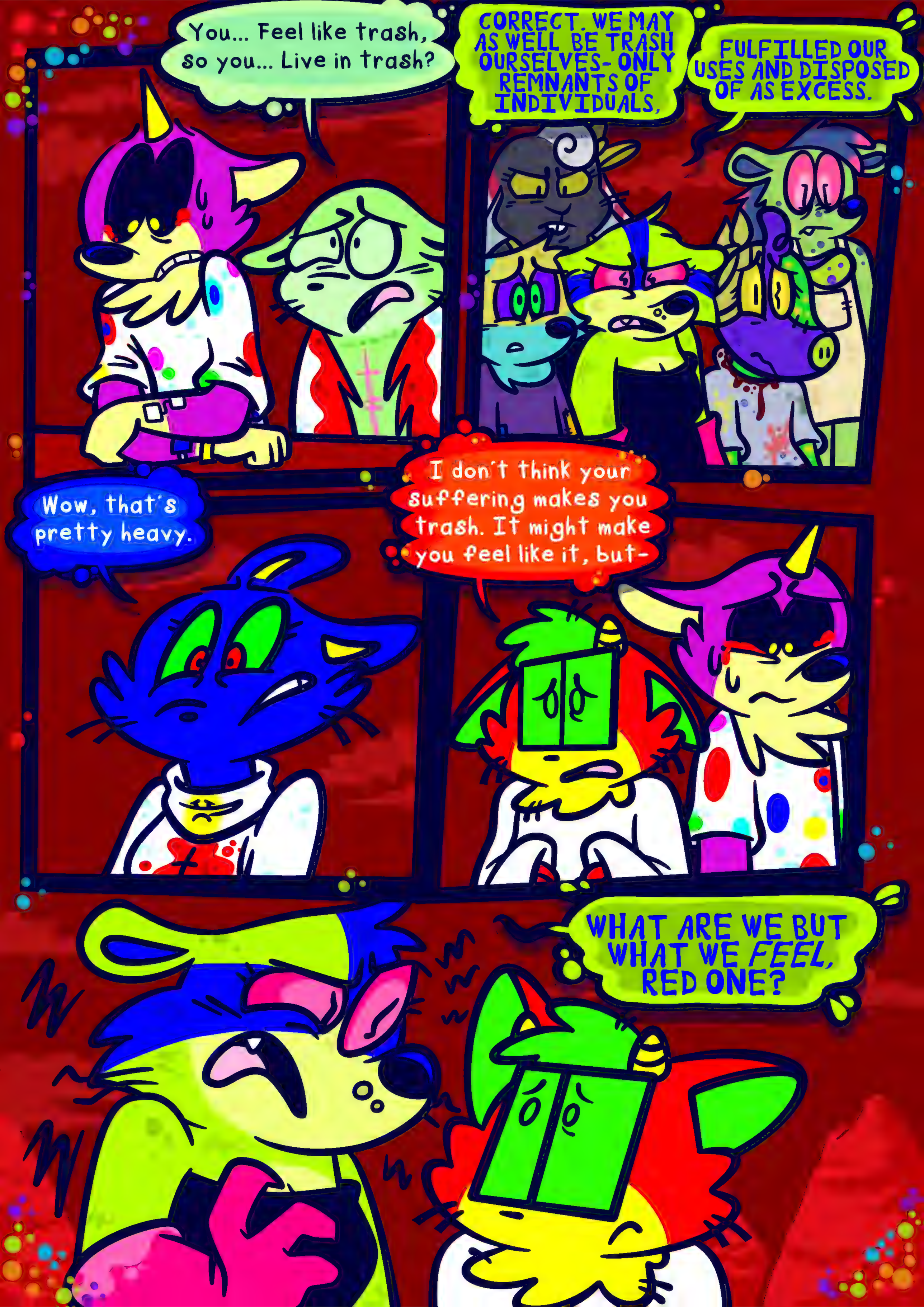
DON'T YOU REALIZE? NOBODY WHO HASN'T BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL WILL UNDERSTAND OR BELIEVE US.

NOBODY KNOWS HOW WE FEEL. SO WE HAVE DECIDED TO STAY HERE, WHERE WE ALL UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER,

SURROUNDED BY WHAT WE FEEL LIKE.

TRASH.




You... Feel like trash, so you... Live in trash?
CORRECT. WE MAY AS WELL BE TRASH OURSELVES- ONLY REMNANTS OF INDIVIDUALS,
FULFILLED OUR USES AND DISPOSED OF AS EXCESS.
Wow, that's pretty heavy.
I don't think your suffering makes you trash. It might make you feel like it, but-
WHAT ARE WE BUT WHAT WE FEEL, RED ONE?

YOU ALL REEK OF SUSPICIOUSNESS LIKE THE STENCH OF DEATH SURROUNDS A CORPSE! WHY SHOULD WE HELP YOU?!
Collectors, I'm telling ya! They're just waiting to strike us like cobras!
Are they sure *we're* the ones that reek...?
Aren't cobras people?
We aren't here to collect you. Nobody at the hospital even knows we left.
With how poorly they maintain that place, I would be surprised if they even notice we're gone.

MEANWHLE...

OFFICE OF:
DOOM MOOD
MOOD DOOM
MOOD DOOM
DOOM MOOD
COME ON IN!

SPARKLE CARING CLUB
RUN-SAD@8AM
HOSTED BY MOOD
NURSES: & DOOM!

REMEMBER:
THIS ♥ IS TEMPORARY
REMOVE LATER

SCHEDULE:
RUN: REMODEL
MOAN: PAPERS
BLUES: FREE
TED: PAPERS
WURSE: DOOMSDAY
CRY: YEAH
SAD: :(

KNEETUBE
BUG PICS
BUGS IN 3-D
BUTTERFLYING
BUGHUGS 4 20
START

KNEETUBE
I'M DEPRESSED
I'M DEPRESSED
I HATE EVERYONE
(x5)
SAD lyrics on screen
xXEMOZ 0 0
NOT PORN
START
YOU'RE THE BEST! -SIS

PLEASE COME BACK LATER!

RATS! I JUST NOTICED THE PATIENTS ARE GONE!

What patients?
THE ANNOYING ONES!
Aren't they all annoying, Doc?
The ones who tried to escape at the festival!
Caroline and Uni and Jay! And the green guy!
He has a name

Irrelevant! Point is, they're gone! I checked all 3 rooms!
Mr. Poor Mood, you were on cleanup duty. Where did you last see them?
...First of all Doc, that's not my name.
Second, I didn't see them go anywhere. They were in their rooms when I was cleaning.
Well, they're not there anymore!
Dammit, where are the Housepets?

STAFF LOUNGE
And then you let it go for 3 minutes! It's a revolutionary invention!
No, but salmonella isn't so bad.
Does it really cook all the way?
Who's Sal Monella?
CAT! DOG! Where are the patients?!
Dead.
NOT THOSE ONES!

Uni, Caroline, Jay, and what's his face! Larry!
Carrie had her treatment this morning. I haven't seen her since.
Then where the hell did they go?
Oh, are you looking for those patients? They went down the garbage chute to the garage.
... THEY WHAT? AND YOU LET THEM?
Stopping escapees isn't in my job description. I only take out trash and mop up blood.

FUCK! They probably went to the landfill!
Didn't a bunch of patients do that like years ago?
Yes. We need to get them back!
You two! Take an ambulance to the dump!
Retrieve those escaped patients!
But I've got like 2 minutes left on my cake in a cup.
Will you give us a raise?
What? No! Of course not! Do it or I'll kill you!
But my cake!

FINE! Two minutes! Then you leave!
Can I bring it with me?
I'll hold it for you in the car!
YAY!

Where are they?
Where are they?!

WHEW
Hey, just where do you think you're going?
What are you doing out of your room?
U-UM- sorry, I'm looking for my roommate and friends! I can't find them anywhere!

Apparently your friends escaped.
T-they did WHAT?
The Doc says they went to a landfill.
Oh Tears! Not this again! Oh they are in SO much trouble!!!
We're going to get them back, don't worry.

P-please, let me go with you! I can help!
What? No! We're not letting you out! Go back to your room!
I have an individualized treatment program! I'm a compliant patient!
I want them to come back so they won't get hurt!
Please, I'll do anything!!!

Let's let her come.

She wants to help! You know she never acts out!

What? The Doc will kill us!

She sure did two weeks ago!

I'll help make sure they never do this again.

I won't let them act out anymore.

... alright. You can come. Just don't touch anything in the ambulance.
Thank you!! Thank you!!!!

WELL, UNTIL YOU START TALKING, YOU ARE OFFICIALLY OUR PRISONERS.

SCRATCH, BEC, LEAD THEM TO THE SEWER.

The *what*?!

What's wrong bro?

I think sewers are cool.

I don't want to go anywhere near a sewer!

Do you even know what's *in* a sewer?

Alligators?

Don't you think this is a bit much?
GRRR!
I thought you might say that...

What do they got in here?
You don't want to know...

I'm gonna take the longest shower once we're out of here...

HELLO!
I knew it!
Alligators?

Welcome, travellers! Would you like a nice beverage?
N-NO THANKS!
How did you get here?
They say they come from the hospital.
Ah, more of you guys? How has the hospital not found you yet?
They know we're here.
Why haven't they taken you back?
You really want to know?
Shoot.

They know we aren't a threat to their image, and Miley won't let us leave.
Miley?
Green and blue raccoon.
It's complicated. I'll tell you later.
Why won't she let you leave?
Shhh!
The others will probably be back to check on you guys soon.

THE DOCTORS WILL PROBABLY FOLLOW THEM HERE...
WHAT IF *SHE'S* WITH THEM...?!
MAYBE I CAN DEFEND MYSELF THIS TIME.

So... How did you all end up at the hospital?

I lived in a foster home with my sibling in the Ovspace Wasteland.

I started to have a horrible cough that never got better.

...I'd rather not talk about it bro...

I came here because of what I *think* is some sort of heart disease which has still been undiagnosed or even addressed.

What about you, Jay?

I...I went voluntarily. I was so sick of the other hospitals here mistreating me.
They'd try to "fix" me, and didn't care how I felt about what they were doing.
I felt like some kind of sick experiment instead of a person.
I thought Sparklecare would be different, but I was so, so wrong.
Even if... they can't hurt me...

Hmm. Sounds like you're a jolly bunch.
I can't believe that place hasn't been shut down yet.
How many people know the truth?
Not a lot. If you talk about it people think you're crazy, like you guys.
...what?
Yeah, your little show at the music festival? That was on the news, y'know.
It was what?

Yeah. Here, check it out.
A group of people in Galloween costumes stormed into the Noctober 6016 music festival last week,
talking about the Sparklecare Hospital being full of serial killers.
Can you imagine pulling a prank like that? Imagine how much that must have scared the kids!
The blood was so realistic too. It's a shame such talent goes to waste.

Well that's great. Just what we need, an entire news network making fun of us.
That's just how it works. People are ignorant and content with it. It's sad.
Does this place not have Jelp reviews?
What's Jelp?
Moderated. Keeps the freaks out.
Of course.
(It's a site that reviews local businesses.)
(Guess I've been locked up too long to know that...)

So... do you know where this place is?

Nope!

Can you pull it up on Boogle maps?

How come our hospital comes up?

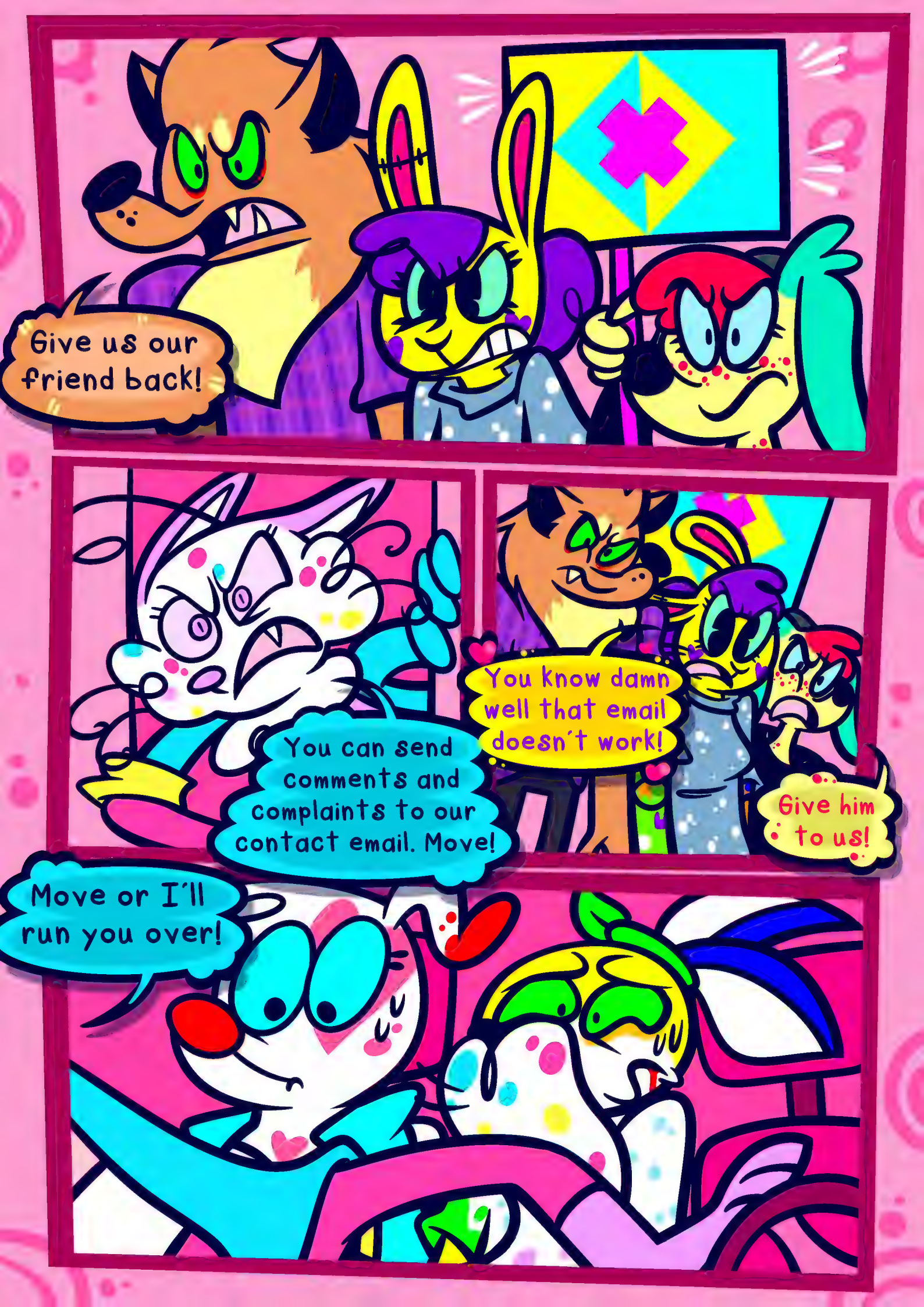
DUMPS NEAR ME

12 HOURS

Is that Cuddles' mansion?

Gee, I wonder why.

HEY!
Get outta the road, bunny!
Are you happy living life knowing you KILL PEOPLE?!?


Give us our friend back!
You can send comments and complaints to our contact email. Move!
You know damn well that email doesn't work!
Give him to us!
Move or I'll run you over!

Who were those people?
Who knows. I hate this job.
Are we employees or appliances?
It's accomplices. Probably both.

CLICK
You can't lock us in here!
YOU'RE OUR PRISONERS! WE WILL NOW DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH YOU IN A GROUP MEETING.
WE SHALL RETURN SHORTLY.

SO... ACCORDING TO THESE INTRUDERS, THEY CLAIM TO BE LOOKING FOR SOME SORT OF ITEM THAT THEY WILL NOT NAME.
WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE MATTER?
Their secrecy is extremely suspicious. Why aren't they able to just tell us what it is?
How do we know that we are not the object they seek?
W-what if it's someting dangerous that they want to use on us?
Maybe they just don't want to tell us. Everyone has secrets. We should just help them so they can leave us alone.
THEY CANNOT BE TRUSTED! THEY MAY SEEM NICE AND HARMLESS, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE SEEMED AS SUCH? THAT DASTARDLY HOSPITAL! AND LOOK WHERE THAT GOT US!

I have an idea.
PROCEED.
We should have the prisoners prove their trustworthiness... Have them do something to show they truly are loyal and willing to work forour help.
THAT IS AN EXCELLENT IDEA. I LIKE IT. THAT WAY THEY CAN SHOW HOW SERIOUS THEY ARE ABOUT THIS. WHAT SHOULD WE HAVE THEM DO?
BUT... WHAT?
Maybe... A series of trials, of tasks. Perhaps they can make themselves useful to us.

We've only been here for twenty minutes.
I put one every minute. It's comforting.
What is taking them so long? This is ridiculous.
I used to say that when WcDonalds took forever.
I can't believe you're comparing being trapped in a sewer to being at WcDonalds for a long time.
...actually, I can believe that.

HEY!
We have decided what to do with you. You will perform tasks to prove your trustworthiness, and if you successfully complete these tasks, we will help you find your lost items.
What kinda tasks are y'all talkin' about?
You're honest, aren't you?
Things that prove your trustworthiness and determination to gain what you have sought out to find.

YOUR FIRST TASK IS TO SEEK OUT EDIBLES FOR US TO CONSUME.
TRIAL 1 FOOD
IT MUST NOT BE ROTTING, AND WE REQUIRE THAT YOU TEST ITS QUALITY.
Pshh, people wouldn't throw that away.
Bro I think she means food...
You want us to eat food that's been in garbage bags for weeks?! None of this won't be spoiled! It could poison us!
I question your definition of "fine."
WE EAT TRASH EVERY DAY. WE'RE PERFECTLY FINE, AND YOU WILL BE TOO.

Come on, this way.
I can't believe this. Putting trash in our mouths.
Chill out, nerd.
I can't touch this stuff! It will literally kill me!
I am not a NERD! I'm studying to become a scientist!
YOU chill out, Cares.
Yeah, a nerd who gets paid for being a nerd.
At least one of us has common sense!

I ate a glowstick when I was a kid and it decimated two of my senses, taste and smell.
It almost killed me.
Thank science I can't smell anything.
Why can't you smell anything bro?
Wow. You truly are a genius.
I was FIVE!

I'm having difficulty seeing anything in these bags. My vision isn't the best...

I can't see anything bro, I'm just feelin' stuff.

TAP TAP

TOSS

Ooh! This is stimmy!

Gimme that!

TEAR

Did they eat it?

Yep.

Darn.

THANK YOU!

H-how am I supposed to eat this?
With your hands, genius!

Well? How was it?
I don't know. I can't taste it.

HEY! I FOUND SOMETHING!
BRING IT HERE, PRISONER!

NOW, FOR YOUR NEXT TRIAL, WE HAVE SET UP AN OBSTACLE COURSE FOR YOU TO TRAVERSE THROUGH. THIS IS TO TEST YOUR STRENGTH.
TRIAL 2: OBBY
NOT BAD... YOU HAVE PASSED THIS TRIAL.
A what???

BEHOLD! YOU WILL BE TIMED. GOOD LUCK.

Oh, I can do this! I used to exercise all the time before I got here!

U-um... I don't think I can do this.

Me neither bro, I can hardly see anything. It's so dark here...

How do you see anything at all?

My magic isn't strong enough to make everything completely visible, but....

I have light projections in my eye sockets from my magic that enchant what's left of my optic nerves.

I can get around the hospital easily 'cuz it's familiar, but I have no idea where we are right now.

That makes zero sense.

Bro, you eat everything.

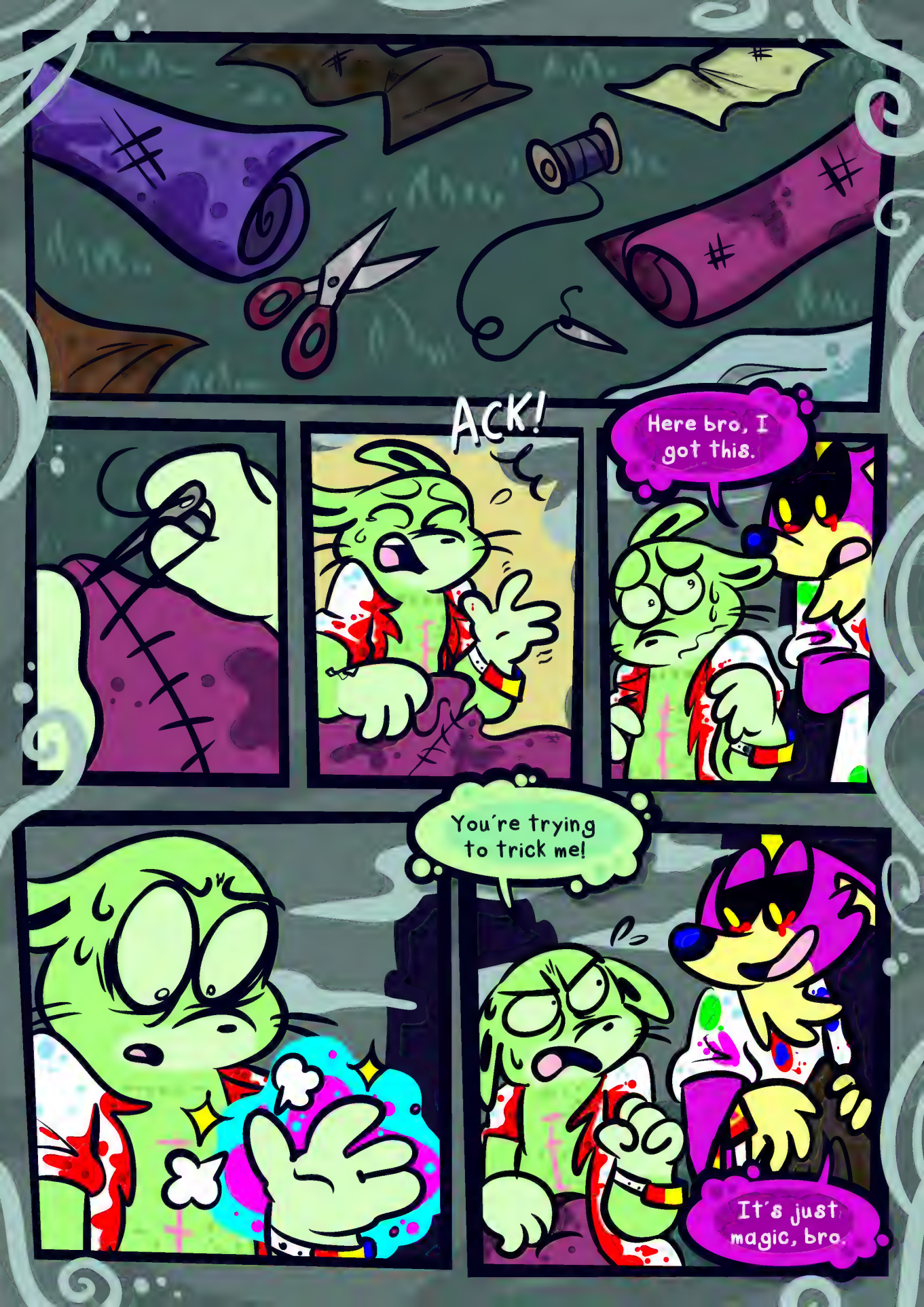
What would you know about making sense, glowstick eater?

Irrelevant.

ON YOUR MARKS... GET SET... GO!

Uuhh... what is that? I can't see it well bro.
It's a set of monkey bars made out of ladders, about twice your height.

SO YOU'VE COMPLETED THIS TRIAL. ON TO THE THIRD ONE, A TEST OF SKILL.
YOU WILL BE MAKING CLOTHES.
DRESS!!
Uh... I don't know how to sew.
Oh, I do bro! I sew stuff all the time! I can help you guys!
The only problem is I don't have my glasses... I guess I'll just do my best.


ACK!
Here bro, I got this.
You're trying to trick me!
It's just magic, bro.

IT'S JUST MAGIC BRO
Hey! Don't make fun of me! I just healed you!
DON'T MAKE FUN OF MEEE! I JUST HEAALED YOU!
And you call me immature. Also, you're doing that wrong. You loop the thread around, bro. Like this.
i thought you couldn't see anything

Hey, I think I've got it!
This is taking hours, it'll be dark before we finish these fucking things.
Have patience, bro. Be a doctor.

HMM. NOT BAD. I REQUIRE YOU TO TRY IT ON FIRST TO MAKE SURE IT WORKS.

Ta-da!!!

Uh... You want me to wear a dress?

U-uh.... I dunno bro... i-it might not even fit me...

WELL, WHY NOT?

It'll be fine, dude. Just go wear it real quick, then you can take it off.

O-ok, I'll... I'll do it.
What's wrong with wearing a dress?
Um... Uni has... masculinity issues.
Is... that why he says bro so much?

CLC NEWS
Report missing
CHIP

Dude! That looks so good on you!
I-It does?
YES!!! You look fantastic!
I think it looks quite nice.

HM. IT LOOKS GOOD. A BIT LONG THOUGH.
OH WELL, I CAN CUT IT.
W-wow, thanks bros... This is an epic gamer moment.
WITH THESE!
H-hold on a second bro, you don't gotta do that...!
IT'S MY DRESS, I'LL DO WHAT I WANT WITH IT! HAND IT OVER!

U-um, I can just make you a shorter one bro, I like this one...
DO YOU WANT YOUR OBJECT BACK OR NOT?
It seemed like he actually liked wearing it.
It looks so good on him, too.

I thought you looked very... Um... Swaggy, in the dress.
Gee, thanks bro.
+1 LEVEL UP!

YOU HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE FIRST THREE TRIALS.

HOWEVER, IT IS LATE, SO WE WILL LET YOU REST. TOMORROW YOU WILL CONTINUE WITH YOUR FOURTH AND FINAL TRIAL.

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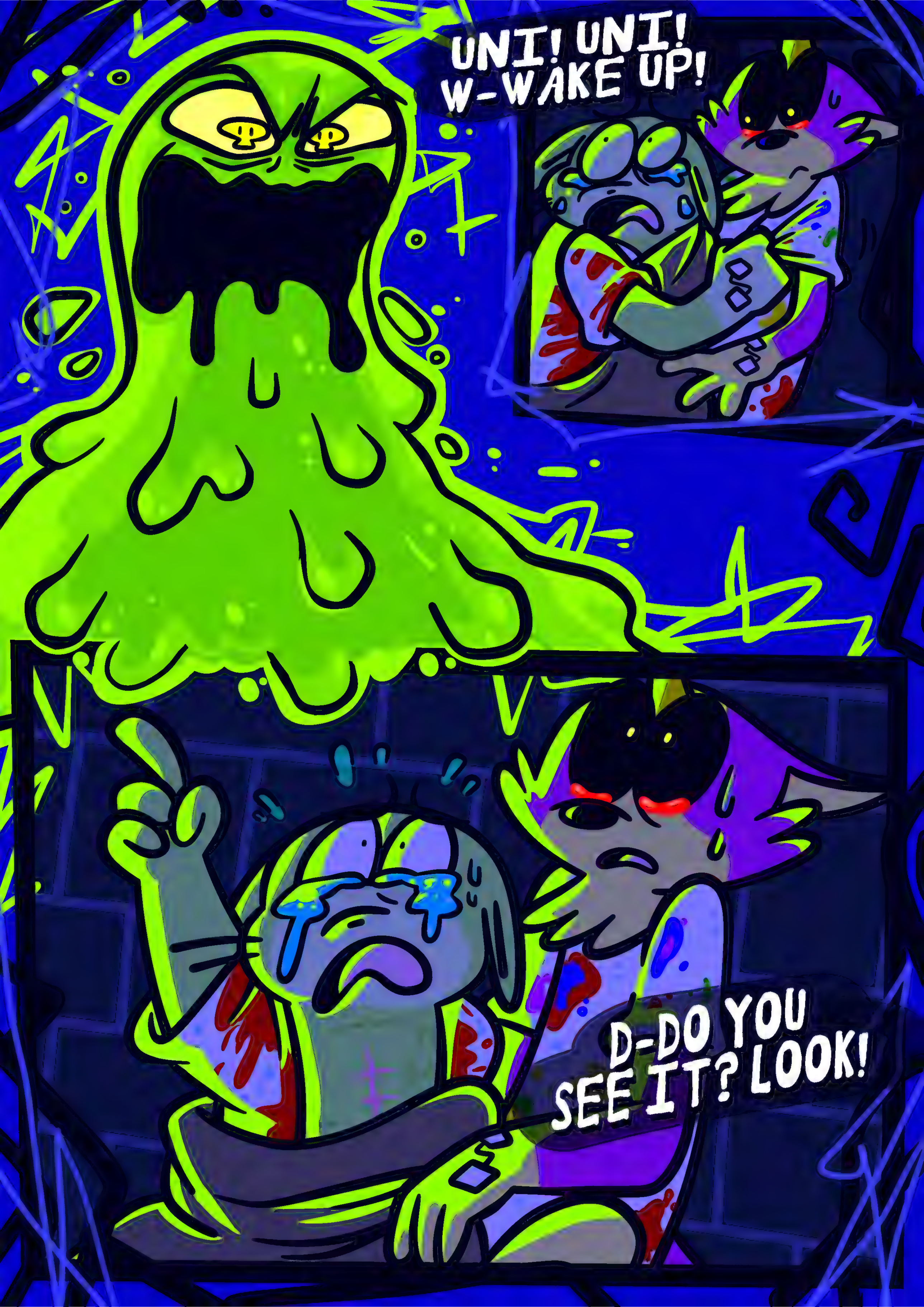
NUZZLE


UNI! UNI! W-WAKE UP!
D-DO YOU SEE IT? LOOK!

Hey bro, it's okay. It can't get you. I'll keep you safe. Try and get some sleep, I'll stay awake to make sure it stays back.
Shh.. it's okay... You're okay...

Shouldn't we be there by now? It's like, nighttime.

I KNOW WHERE I'M GOING!

But it's been hours!

It is very far away. The only way we could have gotten there faster would have been plot convenience.

Speaking of convenience...

H-huh? Are we there?
We're stopping for a minute. Don't go anywhere.
Am I doing the right thing? Will they hate me forever?

I don't think they understand... it... it won't ever work.

If they keep acting out... they're all gonna die.

I know... I know Jay won't... but... Caroline... Uni.... Barry...

It's the least I can do, with... with my bad luck... the least I can do is try to protect them all as much as I can.

After all... I... couldn't protect *them*...

i'm sorry

Hey, you okay back there?

Y-yeah... sorry... I'm... I'm fine.

WAKE UP, PRISONERS! IT'S TIME FOR YOUR FINAL TRIAL!
COUGH

YOUR FINAL TRIAL WILL BE BUILDING A RAFT TO SWIM ACROSS THE SEWER.
Um... why?
DO NOT QUESTION THE CHUNKLING WAYS!
THIS WILL BE THE MOST DIFFICULT TRIAL, BECAUSE YOU WILL ALL HAVE TO COOPERATE AND WORK ON IT TOGETHER.
Oh boy, cooperation. My favorite.
YOU WILL USE SUPPLIES FROM THE DUMP TO BUILD IT. GOOD LUCK.

Any of y'all ever built a raft before?

No... But I have an idea.

Where are we gonna find that?

All we need are some tools.

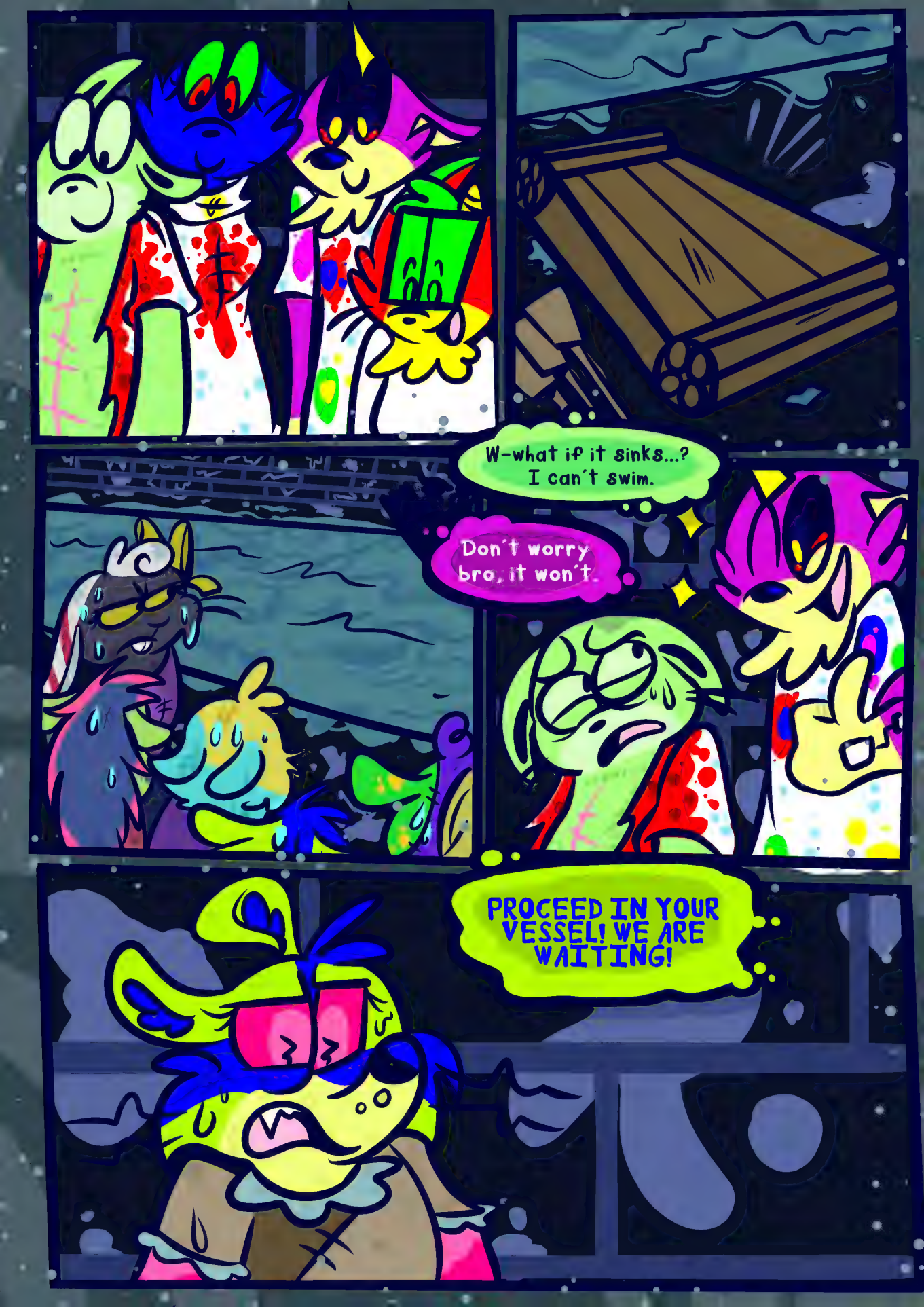
ZCP-21
TUG!
Who left this out here? What is it?
It's a cargo van. They can carry supplies for people who do things like repairs.

Well that's convenient.
This volume tends to be.
U-uh, nevermind.
Okay, what else can we cut this door with?

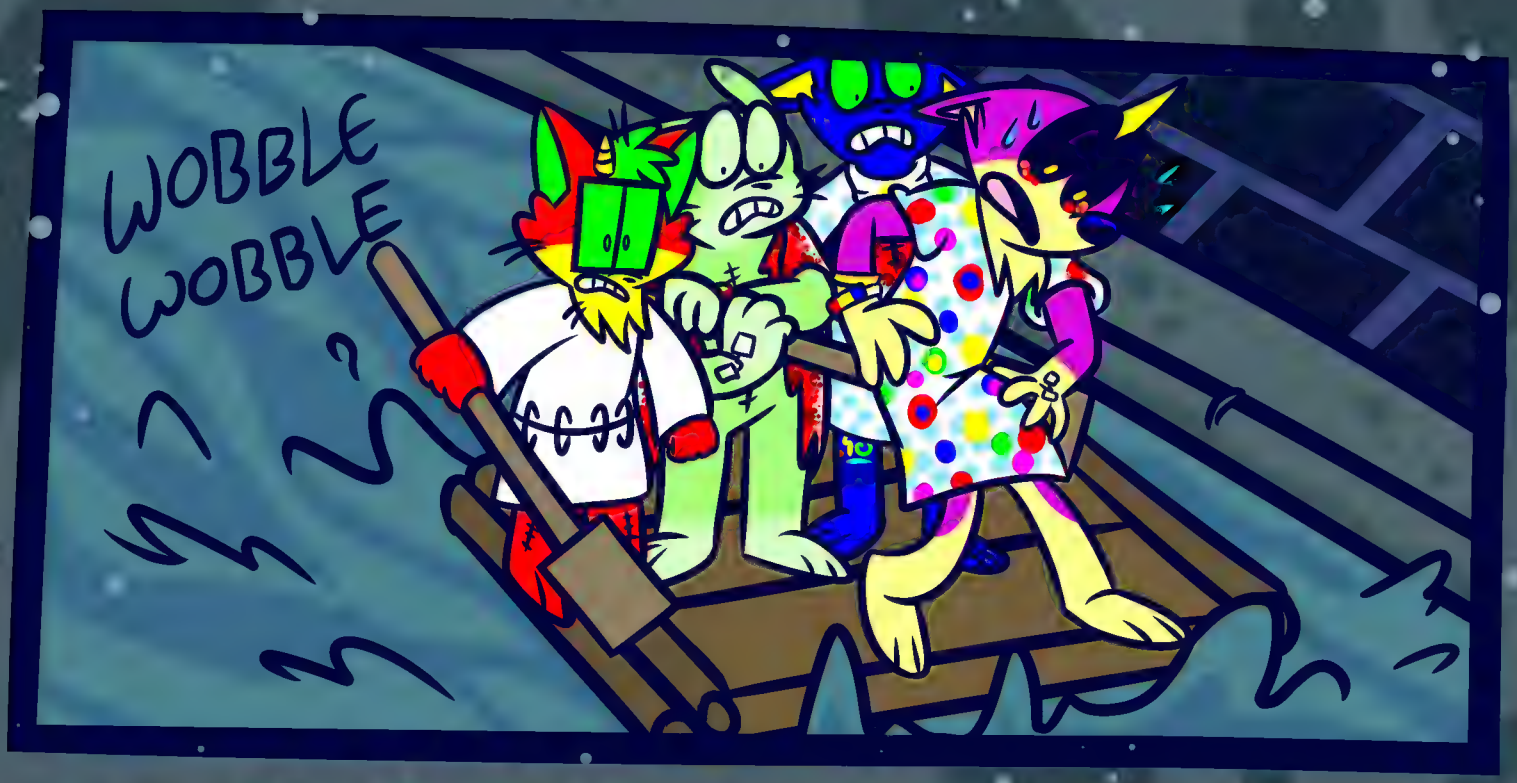
We should probably make a plan first.
RUMMAGE
It should be about this big... We need to stack these in order to make it float.
Otherwise it would collapse under our combined weights. And this right here...
You're really smart, Jay.
Oh, thanks Barry!

Hey bro, look, I've got wood.
Would it kill you to say something intelligent for once?
Something intelligent for once.
...I had a feeling that would be your response.
TCHH

THWACK
OWW


W-what if it sinks...? I can't swim.
Don't worry bro, it won't.
PROCEED IN YOUR VESSEL! WE ARE WAITING!

WOBBLE
This is so fricking disgusting...
Oh, I've had enough of you!!!
Oh, shut up Barry. We're all suffering.
Wait, Barry, stop!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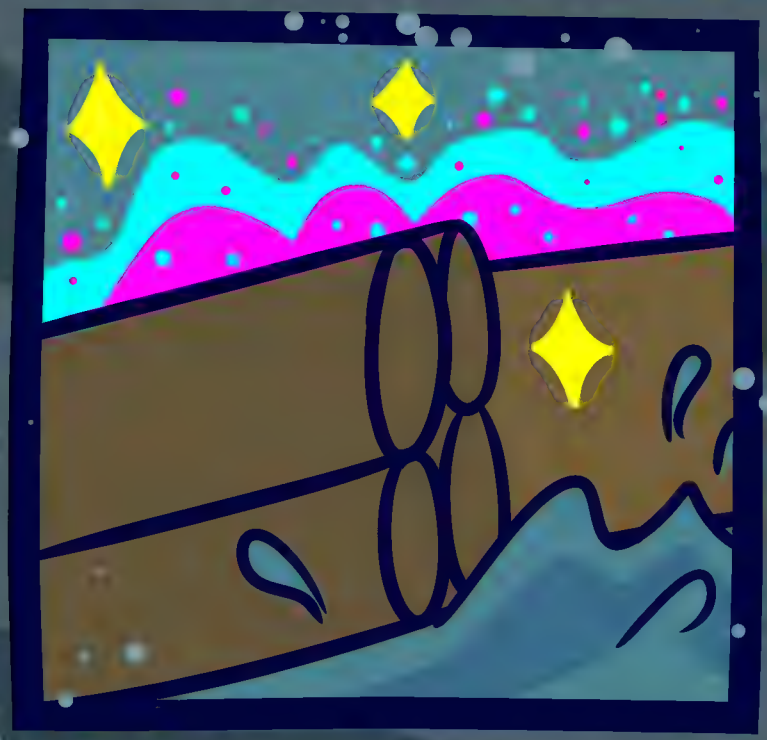
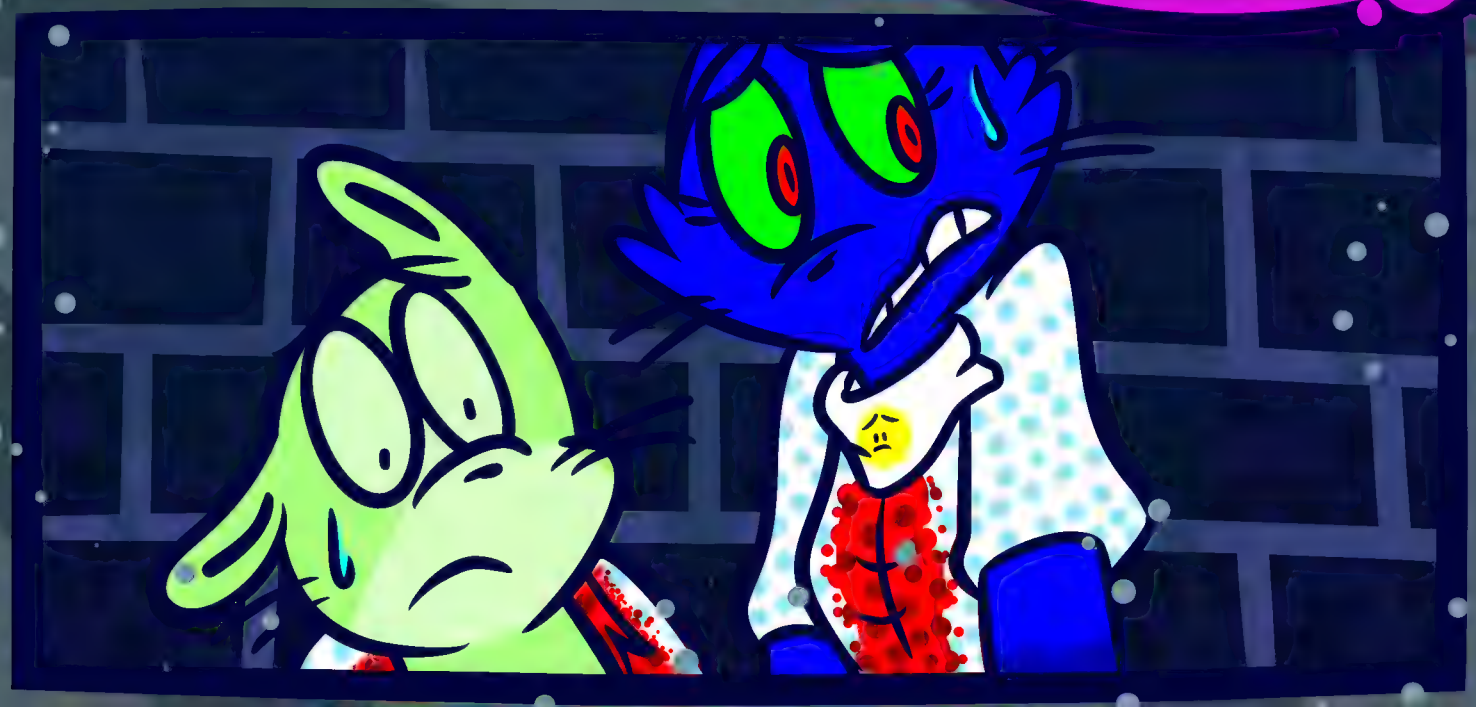


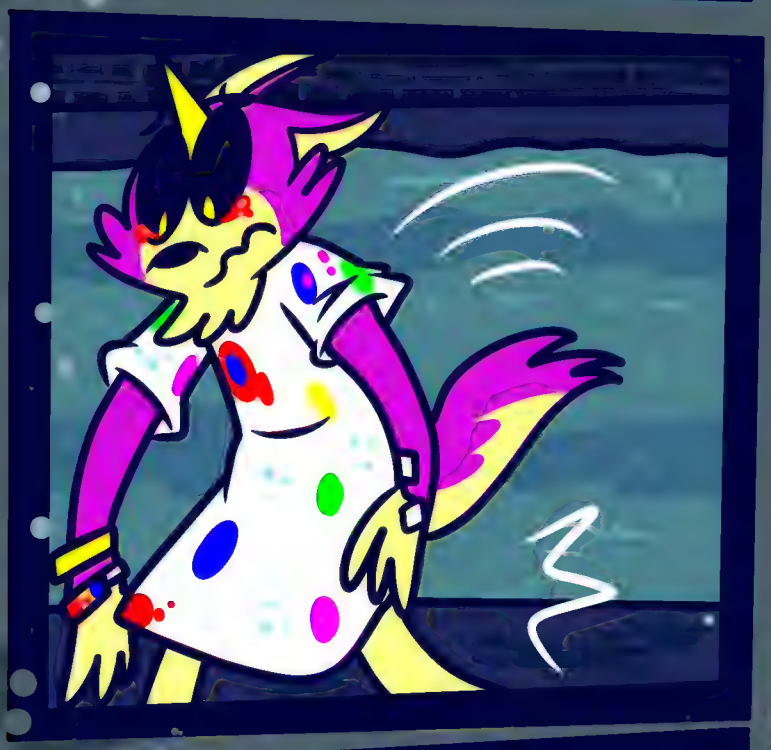
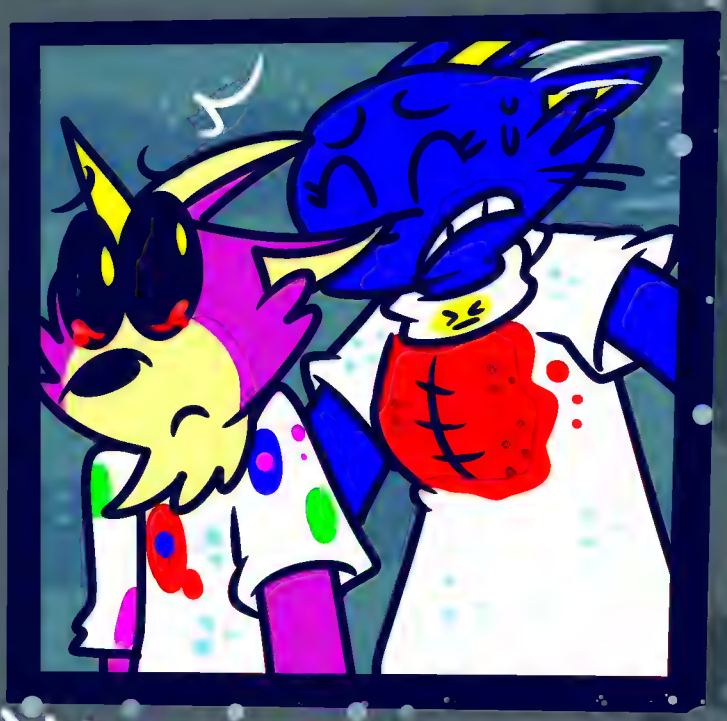
Bros, you need to chill! We're almost out of here. Just GET. ALONG.



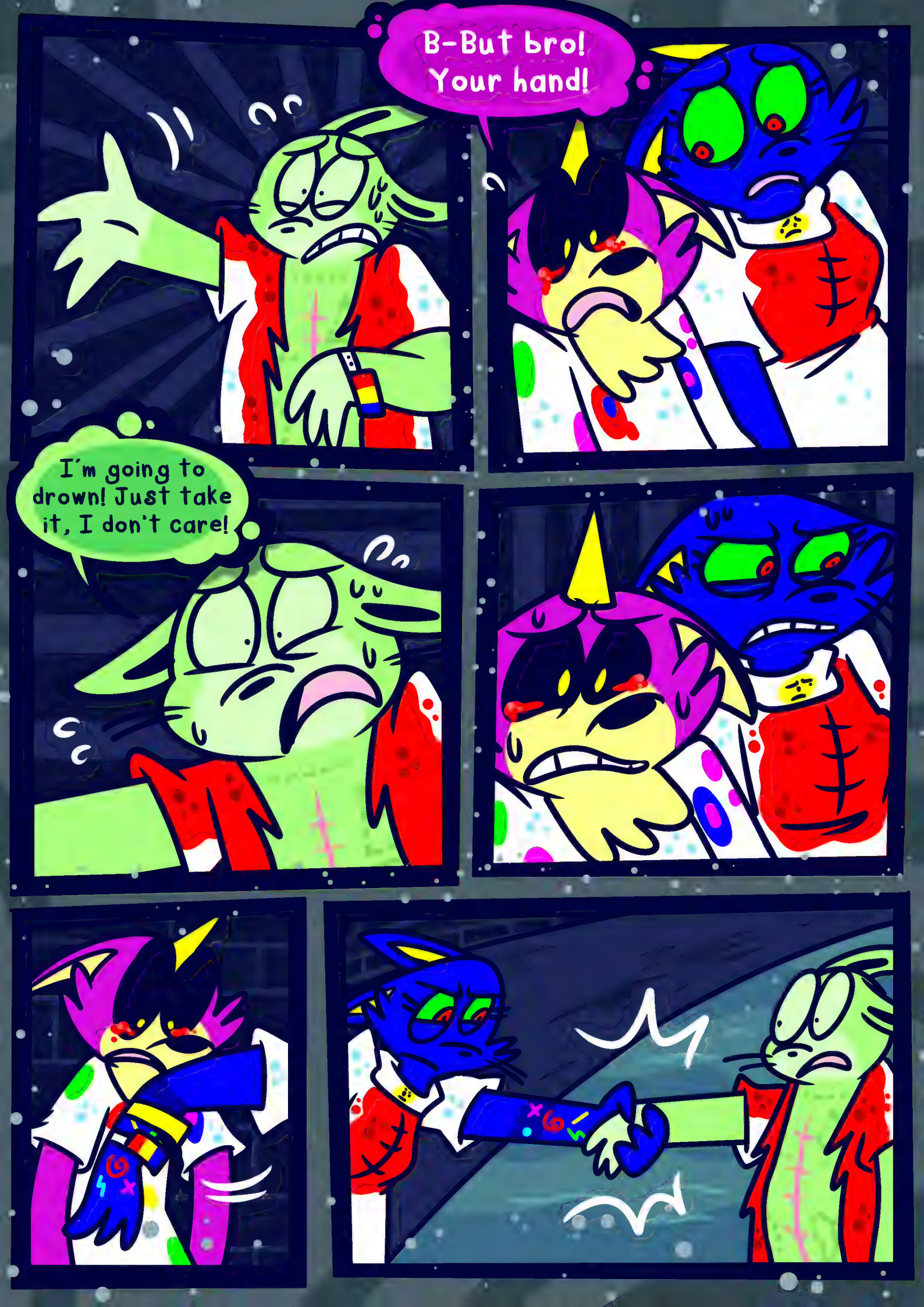
YOU HAVE DONE VERY WELL. I AM PLEASED WITH YOUR WORK.

CRACK
MAYBE A LITTLE TOO PLEASED!

M-Miley, what are you doing?!
YOU DON'T DESERVE TO LEAVE! IF WE'RE STUCK HERE, SO ARE YOU!
...I don't think that's how physics work.
Plot convenience strikes again...

H-hold on bro, I'm gonna lift you out!
Aw man!!!
What's wrong?
My magic has a limit! It hasn't had enough time to recharge-- I used too much of it when trying to balance the raft!
BZZT!

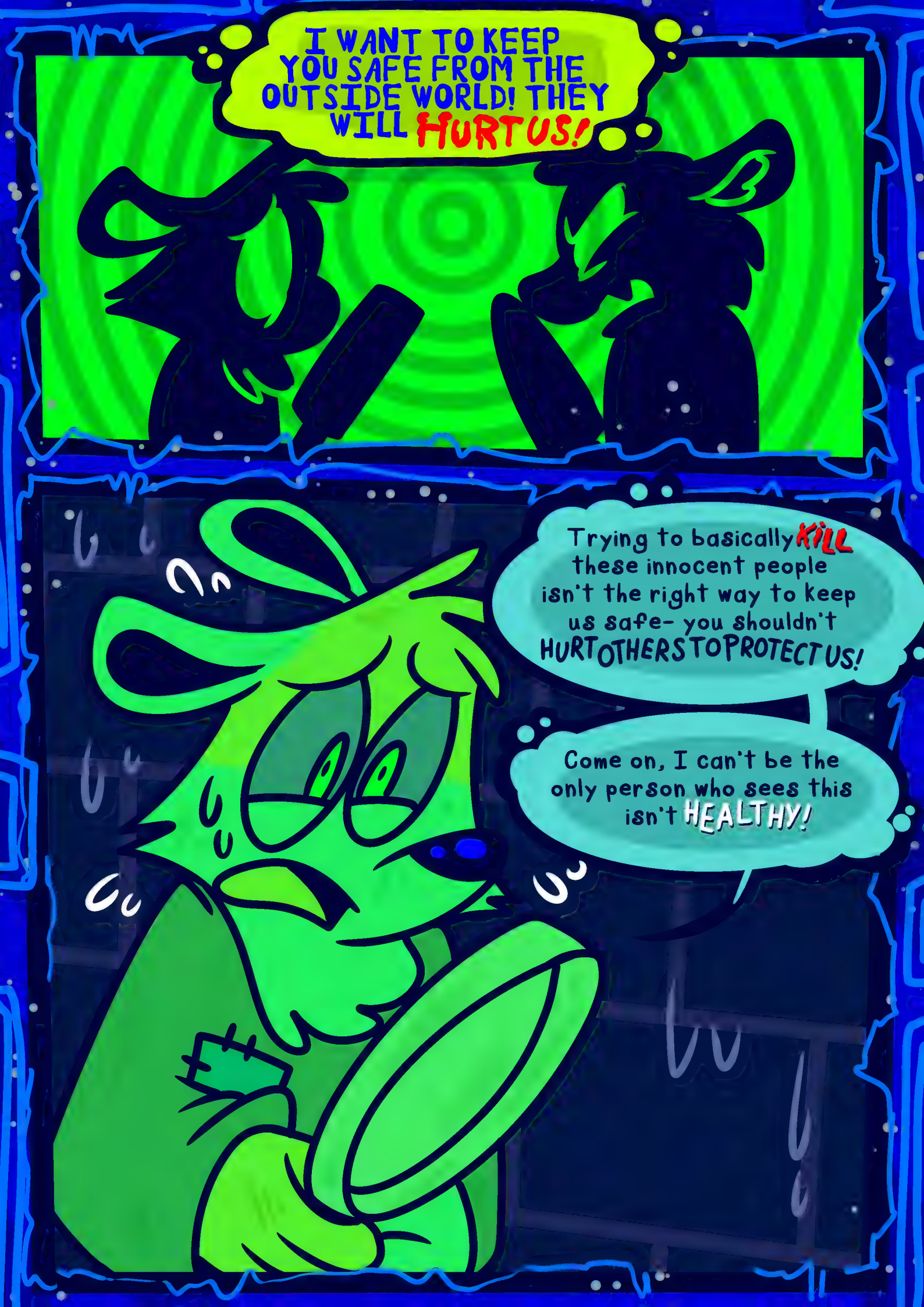

B-But bro! Your hand!
I'm going to drown! Just take it, I don't care!

...w-why did you save my life?
...I feel like the world would be a bit boring without someone annoying like you in it...
Besides, you're one of us now.
We've gotta stick together.

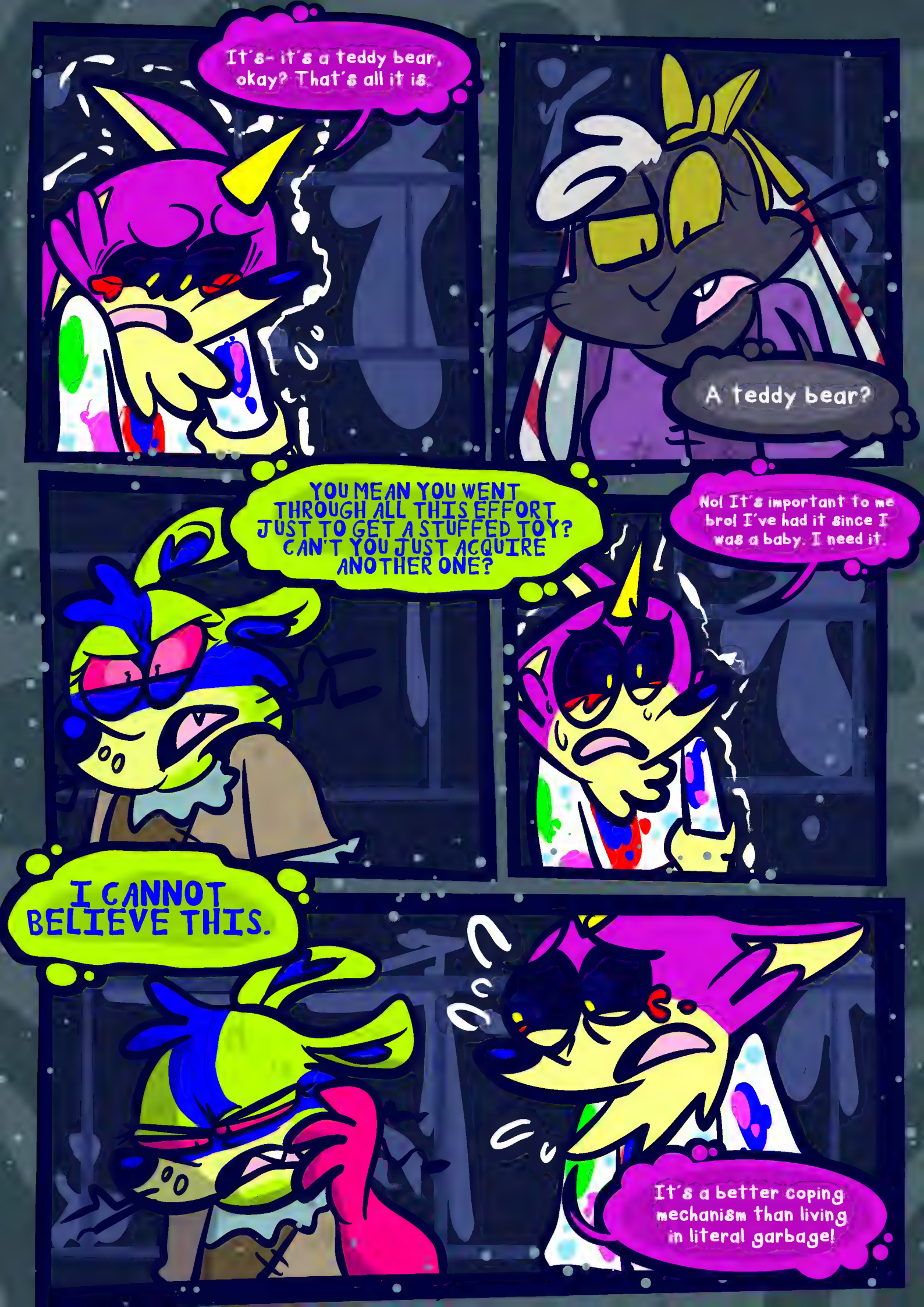
You just tried to kill us! After all we've done for you!
WE HAVE USED YOU ENOUGH! WE DON'T NEED YOU ANYMORE!
I can't believe we tried to help you! I put garbage in my mouth and dug through trash for you guys!
That could have fricking killed me! And you thank us like this?!

STAY BACK, GREEN ONE, OR FACE THE WRATH OF MY SHOVEL!
I'd like to see you try.

That's enough! Leave them alone!
BEG, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
You've been nothing but cruel to these guys, when all they've done is help us!
Just because you don't wanna lose us doesn't give you the right to treat them like this!


I WANT TO KEEP YOU SAFE FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD! THEY WILL HURT US!
Trying to basically KILL these innocent people isn't the right way to keep us safe- you shouldn't HURT OTHERS TO PROTECT US!
Come on, I can't be the only person who sees this isn't HEALTHY!

Back off, Bec.
You too, Jandy! You're being so mean!
I get that we've been here for a long time, I get that you don't wanna leave, but they never said they're trying to take us with them! All they want is their stuff back!
THEY NEVER EVEN TOLD US WHAT THAT THING THEY WANT IS!
L-LOOK!


It's- it's a teddy bear, okay? That's all it is.
A teddy bear?
YOU MEAN YOU WENT THROUGH ALL THIS EFFORT JUST TO GET A STUFFED TOY? CAN'T YOU JUST ACQUIRE ANOTHER ONE?
No! It's important to me bro! I've had it since I was a baby. I need it.
I CANNOT BELIEVE THIS.
It's a better coping mechanism than living in literal garbage!

Miley! This isn't good for you!
HOW WOULD YOU KNOW?
NO YOU DO NOT! YOU COULD NEVER UNDERSTAND!
Look. We've all experienced that hospital. We know what you're feeling.
Maybe... Maybe the world won't ever understand, but that doesn't mean being a part of society again isn't better for you than this place.
The hospital may be bad... But... So is this, guys. This is bad for you.

If... If you get out of here, you can have good experiences again. You can find a sense of purpose and belonging in something else.

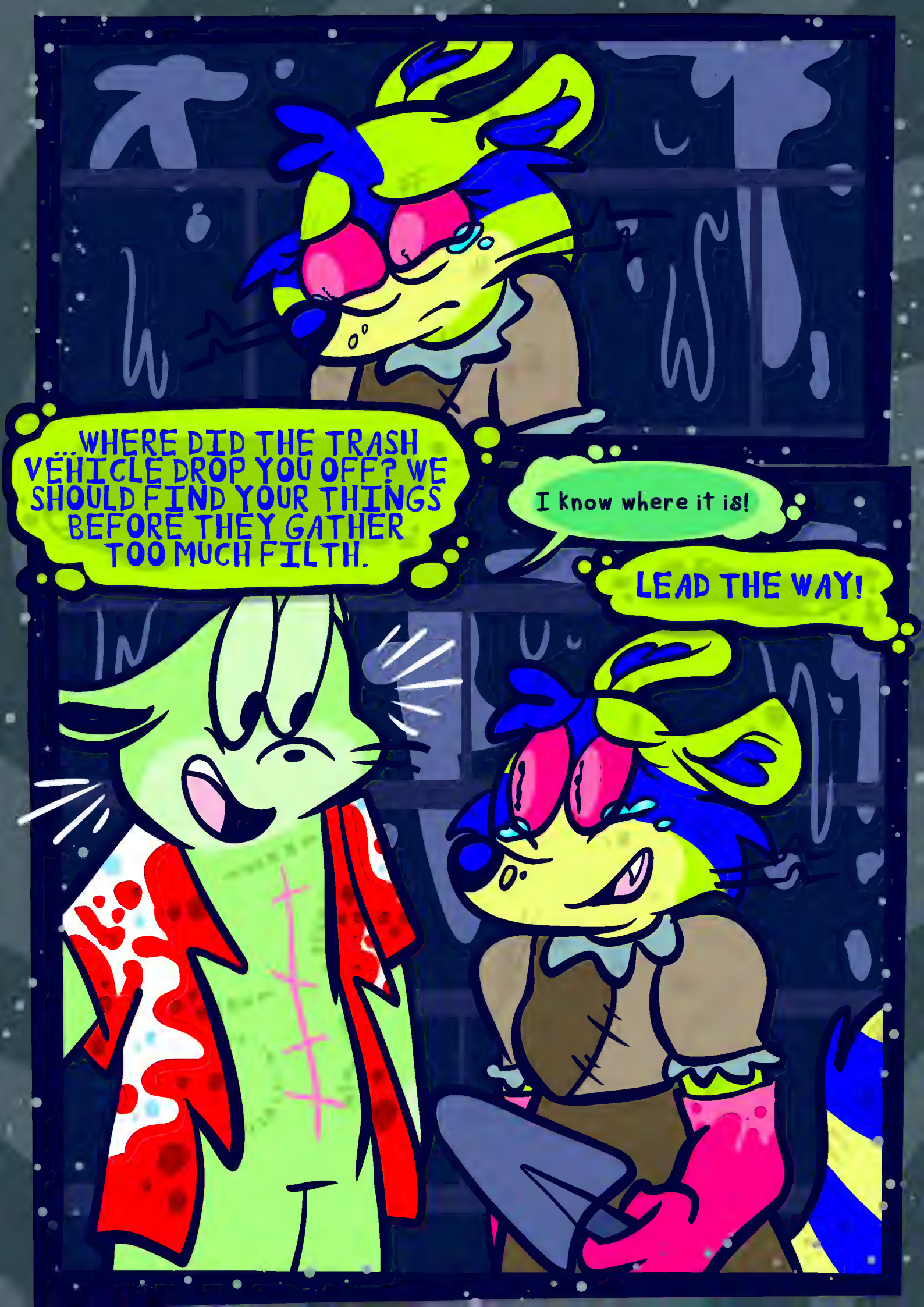
Something that isn't garbage. Something better. You can put your trauma behind you.

This trash you live in is like living inside of your trauma. You are not trash, Miley.

You are not your trauma.

You are more than what you feel.

I CANNOT FEEL ANYTHING BEYOND THIS ANYMORE. ALL I FEEL IS FEAR AND SADNESS AND ANGER.
The ability to feel good feelings can be relearned.
You can find new things to make yourself feel better... m-more... hygienic things.


...WHERE DID THE TRASH VEHICLE DROP YOU OFF? WE SHOULD FIND YOUR THINGS BEFORE THEY GATHER TOO MUCH FILTH.
I know where it is!
LEAD THE WAY!

I know you have germ issues, bro. You don't have to help them look.
Cornelius... I'm sorry for calling you unintellectual yesterday.
It's cool bro! I didn't take it too personally...
Why are you so nice to me, Cornelius? I can be so mean sometimes...

It takes a lot for me to hold a grudge, bro. I try to understand everyone's point of view on stuff, even if I don't agree with it.
I know you don't believe in magic or anything, but I'm not gonna force you to. Sorry for sort of teasing you yesterday about it.
Air brofist?

WHAT COLOR IS THE BEAR?
He's dark green. His name is--
What?
His... his name is...
...Bearry...
...oh.

I- I had him before I met you! I just realized he has your name! He's named that because he's a heart
Oh, my name is spelled a little differently. It doesn't have an E.
So like the fruit?
...sure.

Hey, is this the blanket?
YES!!!

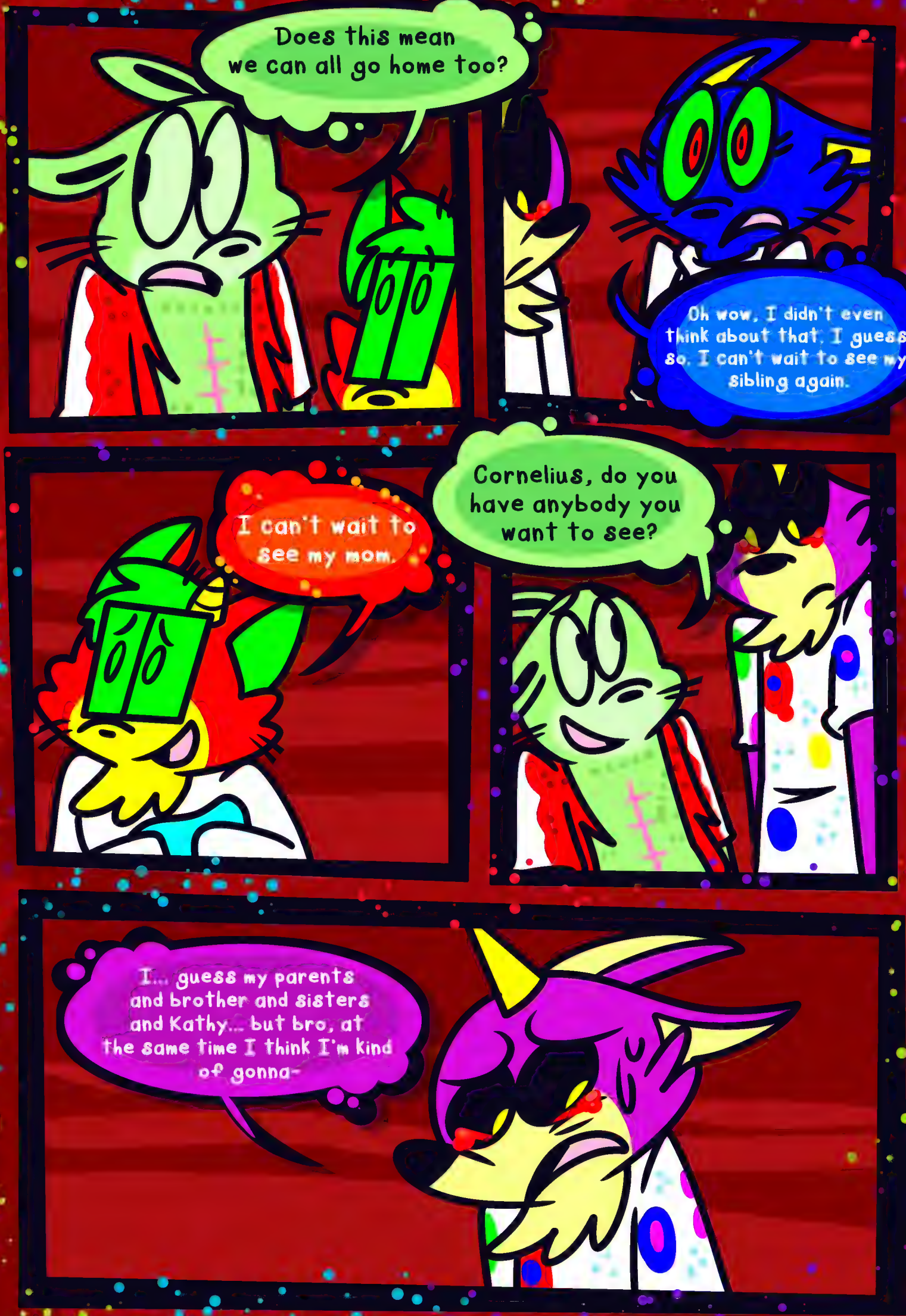
What if they never find him...?
I'm... I'm sure they'll find him. We just need to keep looking.
I AM GOING TO DIVE DOWN AND CHECK THE BOTTOM!

DOES HE HAVE A BIG ROUND NOSE?
Yes! He does!
THEN I HAVE FOUND YOUR BEAR!
Thank you...
NO PROBLEM, PURPLE ONE.

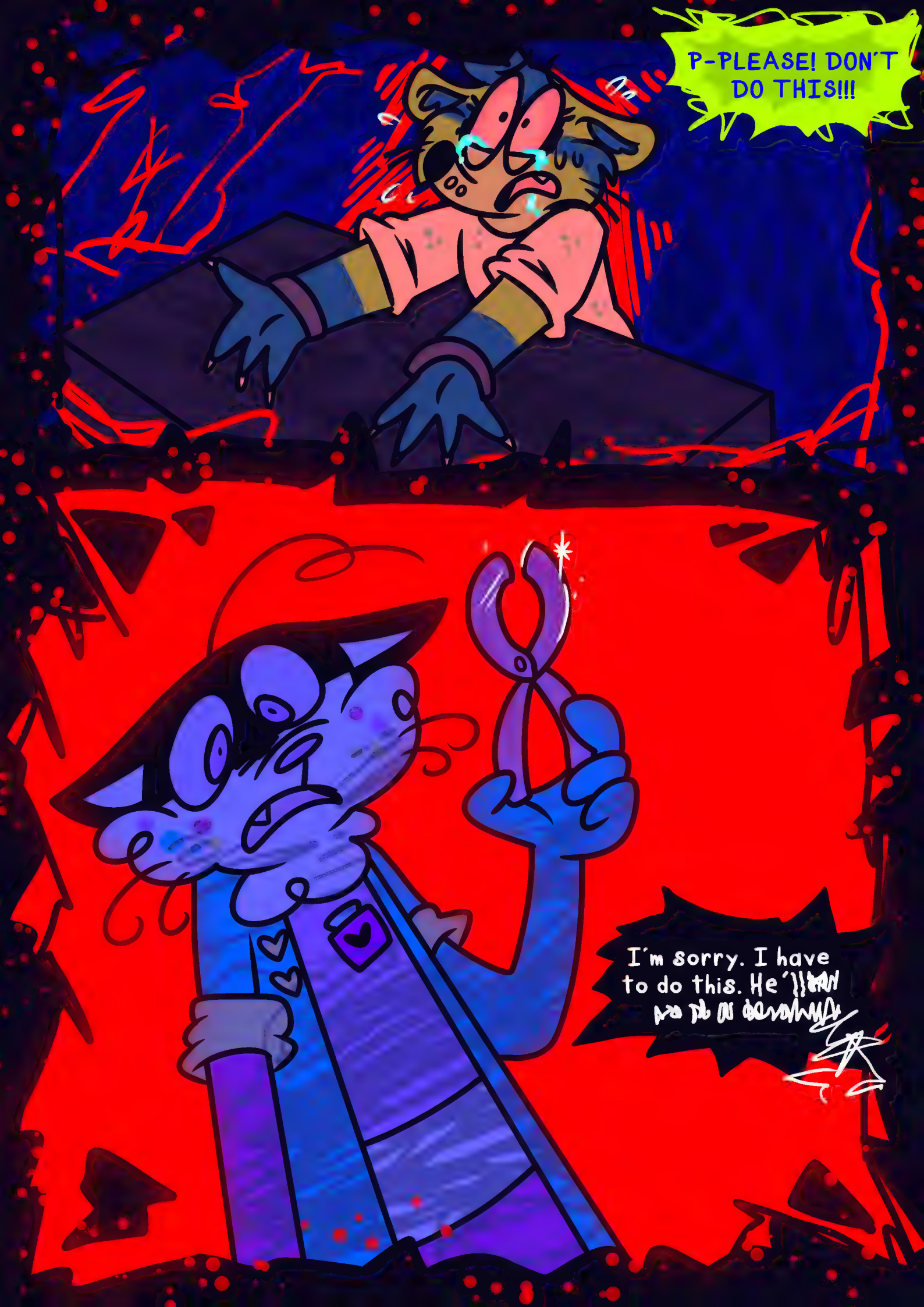
Hey, uh... you guys too, I'm um... sorry for my weird behavior yesterday.
I didn't intend to be mean, it just kinda slips out sometimes before I know what I'm saying... I'm not the best at social interaction.
It's cool, dude.
You guys did great too. Other people besides me can be great.
Yeah, don't worry about it Barry. What matters is that we have our stuff back. Thank you for coming with us, you were a great help, even if it was hard for you.
...B-BUT NOT AS GREAT. I'M STILL THE BEST.
That's good enough, Barry.
IT'S MORE THAN GOOD ENOUGH. I HAVE THE SUPERIOR INTELLECT.

So... is this goodbye, then?

Miley...
I KNOW THEY ARE RIGHT. I- I JUST-
Maybe it's true that the world won't ever believe us, but that doesn't mean we won't always have each other.
Bec is right. Just because we're leaving here doesn't mean we're splitting up.
Where- where would we even go?
AT THIS POINT, ANYWHERE IS BETTER THAN HERE... AND THAT HOSPITAL.


Does this mean we can all go home too?
Oh wow, I didn't even think about that. I guess so. I can't wait to see my sibling again.
I can't wait to see my mom.
Cornelius, do you have anybody you want to see?
I... guess my parents and brother and sisters and Kathy... but bro, at the same time I think I'm kind of gonna-

Hey! Took us like a whole day to get here! Hope you're ready to come back!
W-WAIT A SECOND... Y-YOU... ARE... AREN'T YOU...


P-PLEASE! DON'T DO THIS!!!
I'm sorry. I have to do this. He'

AAAAA

C'mere, fishies!
Time to go home!

H-Hemera? What are you doing?!
I need to keep you safe.
W-WHAT?!?

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All done! Can we go make some more cake now?
...let's get out of here first.
Kay-kay!

...this is bad...
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